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NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP between HOLMES and RODYK, Solicitors, is dissolved to-day. by mutual consent. HENRY J. HOLMES.

THE Undersigned vill carry on business at his OFFICE No. 54, Queen's Road. HENRY J. HOLMES,

Hongkong, 14th April, 1801.

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HONGROND HOTEL Hongkong, 14th April, 1891,

#### Intimations.

TREASURY NOTICE.

THE RATING ORDINANCE, 1888. THE VALUATION LIST for VICTORY for 1891-92 is open, to inspection at the Treasury for Twenty-one Days, commencing

from MONDAY, the 4th May. Extracts may be taken. This Valuation will be in force from July 1st, 1801, to June 30th, 1802.

The last day for appeal to the Supreme Court will be May 23rd. Besides lodging a Formal Appeal in the Court, stating the grounds of such Appeal a copy of such notice must also be sent to the Assessor on or before that date. The Valuation Lists for the Hill District,

Kowloon and the Villages, will be open to inspection later on, of which due notice will be Where the Valuation of any Tenement has been altered from that now in force, the Assessor has sent notice of such change to the Owner. his address is known, or if not, to the Occupier, with a request that he will hand the same to the

Owner. The omission to serve such notice does not invalidate the Rate, or form any excuse for not appealing against any Assessment within the prescribed time, viz. May 4th to May 23rd 180% All Owners or Occupiers interested in rateable, property should therefore, inspect, the Rate Book within this period. ARTHUR CHAPMAN.

Assessor. Hongkong, 1st May, 1801. ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

OPIES of the PETITION, recently published, in reference to the proposed withdrawal of Ecclesiastical Grants are awaiting signatures, from those who have not yet signed, at the HONGKONG CLUB, Messrs. LANE, CRAW-FORD & Co., Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY and THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

CHARLES FORD. Hon. Secretary. Cathedral Trustees. Mongkong, 5th May, 1801.

NOTICE. THE SHAMEEN HOTEL AND LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE OFFICE of the above named Company has been temporarily REMOVED to No. 5, PEDDER'S HILL where all communications respecting the Company's business should be addressed. By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. FRASER-SMITH, Chairman. Hongkone, 4th May, 1801

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED. NADY GENERAL MEETING of the NARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Hongkong. DISPENSARY on THURSDAY, the 14th instant, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager together with a Statement of Account to the grat

December, 1890. The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from Monday, the 11th instant, till Saturday, the roth lustant, both devs luclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can

be registered. And Notice is further given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same place on the same day at the conclusion of the above named Meeting, when the following Special Resolution will be proposed :-

"That with a view to the further extension of the business of the Company in London and elsewhere, the Capital of the Company be increased to the sum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars by the issue of 10,000 New Shares of the value of Ten Dollars each, and that such New Shares be issued by the General Manager at such time or times as he shall think fit, and be disposed of by him as if they were part of the Shares in the original Capital of the Company, in such manner, on such terms, and at such premium as he shall in the interest of the Company determine. The amount realized by way of premium to be put to the Reserve

By Order, T. H. TALBOT,

Secretary. Hongkong, 5th May, 1801. THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE THE Certificate of 25 Shares in this Company

Register in the name of Mr. F. B. JOHNSON, having been LOST, notice is hereby given that a New Certificate for the said 25 Shares, will be issued fourteen days hence, and that the original certificate, unless produced within that period will thereafter be held by the Company as null and vold. D. GILLIES,

Secretary. Hongkong, 4th May, 1891. HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

HONGKONG DERBY, 1892.

THE WEIGHTS for the above RACE wi L be weight for inches, not rost, rolb, as heretofore. 🕛 E. H. GORE-BOOTH.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1891. Shipping.

Clerk of the Course.

STEAMERS. FOR NEW YORK THE Steamship

"ALBANY," Captain Hood, will be despatched on or about the 20th inst. For Freight, apply to
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## Shipping.

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THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK. THE Company's Steamship

"PHRA NANG,"

Captain W. H. Watton; will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 7th inst-At IO A.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN FAT HONG.

6 Hongkong, 4th May, 1801. CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

. LIMITED. FOR PORT DARWIN, OUEENSLAND PORTS. SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. THE Company's Steamship

A. Hunt, Commander, will be despatched as bove on FRIDAY, the 8th inst., at to a m. The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First Class Saloon and Cabine are situated forward of the Engines! Second Class Passengers are Berthed in the Poop. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions

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"MONMOUTHSHIRE.". Captain Cuming, will be despatched as above on or about the roth inst. For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

Honekong, 4th May, 1891. "MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR SHANGHAL KORE AND YOKOHAMA.

VIA INLAND SEA. THE Steamship Captain Bailey, will be despatched as above or

or about the roth inst. For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, and May, 1891. STEAM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY, (Calling at Colombo if sufficient inducement offers). THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

Captain F. Cole, will leave for the above places on TUESDAY, the 12th Instant, at NOON, E. L. WOODIN,

"LOMBARDY,"

STEAM TO SHANGHAL THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "RAVENNA"

Hongkong, 4th May, 1801

Hongkong, 5th May, 1801.

Captain E. Crewe, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival here with the Outward Malls. E. L. WOODIN.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE. (Passing through the INLAND SEA.) THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"VERONA." Captain F. H. Seymour, will leave for the above aces on SATURDAY, the 16th inst, at DAY-

Superintendent.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent. Hongkong, 5th May, 1801. EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-

SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE. Calling at SANDAKAN, TIMOR, PORT DARWIN, and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking

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Hongkong, 1st May, 1891. AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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MARRIAGE. On the 26th March, at 4, Devonshire-gardens, Kelvinside, Glasgow, by the Rev. Robert Henderson, M.A., assisted by the Rev. William Workman, M.A., THOMAS STEWARD, second son of John L. Lapraik, Esq., of Hongkong and London, to ELIZABETH DUNCAN, eldest daughter

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of the late William Burrell, of Glasgow.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1891. Ir was not to be expected the Hongkong Sunday labour question would be allowed a settlement without a struggle from those chiefly benefitted in enforcing their claim to a full pound of flesh in the shape of a tull seven days of toil and labour without rest from their Christian employes from year's end to year's end. In a previous article on this subject we incidentally mentioned the fact that an old law of this colony provided for the cessation of labour on Sunday. We have not had the opportunity yet of examining the why and wherefore this law has been abrogated and set aside, and no doubt our further investigations in this line will prove interesting. It is with regret we find the Honourable member for the Chamber of Commerce taking up as wrong position in this question as we venture to think his Excellency the Governor took up in the matter of the "Pay Grab" question. The serious and continued ill health of His Excellency, which, in this sole instance, throughout his able administration, has apparently warped his usual singularly calm and dispassionate judgment, is some excuse for what we think is a simple error in judgment on the part of his Excellency, but there is no such excuse for our energetic and capable legislative repre sentative, except that even with so strong a representative it could hardly be expected that Mr. WRITEHEAD would retire without a bout in favour of his influential and inferested backers in the Chamber. A perusal however of the Homourable member's letter in our issue of yesterday must convince anyone that it is no written in the concise and trenchant to style which is so characteristic of Ma WHITEHEAD'S compositions; it is feeble and half-hearted throughout. Having fearlessly led the van in support of this question from the outset; without entering into a repetition of our arguments we o.60 content ourselves with simply reviewing, so far as we can comprehend them, the somewhat laboured and not well defined objections of the Honorable member. I the first place the exponent of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce holding their brief for Chinese interests is really too deliciously thin, it is something entirely new to find the Chamber of Commerce of this colony posing as the protector of native interests. A short time only has elapsed since the sapient wire pullers of this same Association took up a particularly strong attitude in endeavouring to crush the Observatory and all belonging to simply because its staff did their duty and gave timely weather warnings. These warnings these autocrats considered were unnecessarily frequent and besides interfered with their shipping profits. It mattered not an iota to them whether or not the ghastly spectacle of the 1874 typhoon was reproduced on the shores of this harbour 1.50 They, safely ensconced ashore, were only

The second stand-point of Mr. WHITE-HEAD was in regard to interference with the food supply of the colony. This again is exceedingly amusing, for no one knows better than the honourable member that the sanitary laws of the colony enter here, with which this legislation would not clash. Special provision has ensured that perishable articles of food will not be allowed to "rot" on board to the risk of health of the crew of steamers, and moreover, if landed, providing for their treatment is accordance with the sanitary conditions and regulations of the colony. There will be 0.40 no great chance of the colony being thrown on stale supplies, for at present the Chinese o.50 do notallow Sunday shipments or clearances from any treaty port in the Empire. Again as regards running charters it is preposterous to talk about the "shoe pinching" in any unfair degree here. It is an utter impossibility for vessels to be chartered from this colony to run to any civilised port where Sunday work is permitted. Charters invariably run exempting. Sundays as working days, and if they are so capable of alteration here as to provide for Sunday being counted as out cannot be classed as states manship. A colony working days only in this colony, then it all with a grievence, especially one of such tends to show the crying evil it is and supports right to be heard, and to be treated with fairness the urgency for reform. The Chamber and consideration ; not spurned and treated with of Commerce of Hongkong cannot be

too ready to view with complacency the

of this essentially seafaring colony, and

resented such timely warnings of

and will be while such an association in its

2.00 risks and perils of the boating population

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thwart the passage of the Sunday labour Ordidance, and so, far as our opinion goes the concluding simile of its representative is inappropriate, the boot being rather "on the other leg." We appealed in the most earnest manner at the outset to the great employers of labour in this colony in the light of labour events occurring throughout the universe, to approach this question in a considerate and conciliatory spirit; they heeded not our advice and preferred therefore "to strain at the gnat," and now may enjoy the pleasure to the fullest of having to swallow

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE scafaring community's memorial will, we hear, be presented to His Excellency the Governor on board the Oceanic to-morrow

VERY large number of residents, of a nationalities, called at Government House this siternoon to wish the Governor and Lady des Voiux bon voyage.

THE Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N Co. courteously informs us that the steamship dissenting correspondent writes :- "I had the Ravenna, with the next English mail, left Singapore yesterday at 1 p.m. for this port.

WE are officially informed that the address of the Civil Servants will be presented to Sir G. W des Vœux at 9.45 to-morrow morning, and one from the Education Department will be presented

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer City of Rio & Fanctro, with mails, &c., from San Francisco the 14th ulto., has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port at noon to-morrow.

Police Court this morning, before Mr. Wise, with committing a breach of the harbour regulations. He admitted the charge and was fined \$25.

THE master of a cargo boat was charged at the

& Co.) that the E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer Menmuir left Port Darwin for this port yesterday, and may be expected to arrive on the 15th inst. | the agents. A REGULAR meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618.

S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland

Street, on Tuesday, the 12th instant, at 8,30 for

9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially THE lightning conductor attached to the Naval Sanatorium at the Peak took a Chinaman's fancy vesterday, and he commenced to somex the sam with a saw. He was caught in the act, however

and this morning Mr. Wise sent him to a month's

Imprisonment. THE Pendng Gazette of April 25th says :- The Dutch steamer Swill, which arrived from Rotterdam yesterday, brought the fittings and machinery for the Langkat kerosine oil springs. The plant will be transferred to the steamer Millon and conveyed to its destination. It expected that the oil will be placed in th

market in August next.

ANOTHER ear-ring snatching case was heard at the Police Court this morning by Mr. Wise. magistrate: Evidence given; charge denied proved guilty, and sent to gaol for six months, with two whippings of twelve strokes each.

FROM the L. and C. Express, April 3rd:— The Satellite, third-class cruiser, was taken into the steam basin at Sheerness Dockyard on the 10th ult., to be completed for service on the Pacific station, where she is to relieve the Daphne, sloop, which is to be transferred to the

China station. The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty :- Staff-Surgeon R. M'Ivor, to the Dackne, to date March 31; Lieuts. D. E. R. Brownrigg, to the Plover; E. H. Parker, to the Pigmy; and T. H. Foster, to the Redpole, to date April 1st.

The composite sloop Wanderer is to be paid out of commission at Sheemess on the 24th inst. after seven years' service on the China station. She is to be placed in the third division of the Medway Steam Reserve, and will be brought forward at a future date for another term foreign service.

Major W. B. Fletcher, R.A., from Staff Captain Hongkong, has been appointed Brigade-Major, Royal Artillery, at Gibraltar, vice Captain H. C. Dunlop, whose period of Staff service has expired. Major Fletcher, who has passed the Staff College, was appointed to the Staff at Mongkong, July 28, 1888.

The feeling of resentment that has arisen the Straits. Settlements, Hongkong and Ceyl with reference to the increased demands made upon them in the matter of the military contributions paid by them-though it is considered somewhat exaggerated-meets (says the United Services Magazine) with a certain amount of

Captain N. W. H. dn Boulay, R.A., has been appointed Staff Captain, Royal Artillery, Hongkeng. He joined the army May 17, 1880. Has passed the Staff College. Served with the Nile Expedition of 1884-85, and was present at the action of Abu Kles and in the engagements of Abu Kru, Metamusch, and Abu Klea Wells (medal with two clasps, and bronze star).

We understand that a batch of appointments in the China Consular Service may be shortly probable the following will be made:-Mr. T. Frater to Newchwang, Mr. H. A. Giles to Ningpo, Mr. Everard to Ichang, and Mr. T. L. | desirable to execute the order at once owing to Bullock to Kluklang.

of the increased military contribution demanded from Ceylon and the Straits before Parliament. and a suitable opportunity will be sought on an carly date. The late Blue-book on the Straits | appeared and was not represented to-day, which contribution, the more it is studied, shows how | added to the suspicions. a Minister in spite of all arguments and facts being against him, can despoil a revenue and injure the welfare of a settlement. It is asserted that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had more to do with the late despatch, to which is appended the signature of Lord Knutsford, than the Colonial Minister. The conduct meted magnitude as Singapore complains of, has a contempt. Let us, hope the colonists will not cease to clamour till they obtain that justice congratulated in this latest feeble effort to which is undenlably due.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Venetia left Bombay for this port at 5 p.m. on the 4th inst.

Wx are informed by the Agents (Messrs. D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.) that the steamer Fapan, from Calcutta, lest Singapore to-day for this port.

THE Hon, Treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital, begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospital:-Messrs, Reuter Brockelmann & Co...\$ 50

THE Shanghai Mercury understands that the two pilots in charge of the vessel, of the Czarewitch (steamship Vladivostock) on the Yangtsze, Messrs. Centerwall and Seymour, excl received a gold scarf-pin set with diamonds, and the pilots of the cruisers Bobre and Digit. Messrs. Popp and Kofoed, received diamond rings, as souvenirs from His Imperial Highness

WE learn on reliable authority that Fung Shun Yau, the leader of the Namoa piracy in December last, arrived in Canton on Monday from Ng-chow, under a strong guard of Chinese soldiers. The ruffinn was caught outside th Hong Ching temple at Ng-chow, in company with another member of the piratical gang named Chan Iu, on Friday last, and the two bandits will no doubt meet their reward in a few days. More Kowloon exhibitions.

Rathe wall for the continuance of the Ecclesinstical Grant, an irreverent and evidently curiosity to examine the petition lying at Kelly and Walsh's to-day. There were to signatures, out of which 38 were those of Government officials !" The Tooley Street tailors aren't in ; fancy 75 per cent. of the yearners for a subsidised parson being themselves State or Colonial servants, and calling themselves the representatives of Hongkong !

ABOUT four o'clock this morning another fire proke out in a silver-smith's shop, situated at No. 280, Queen's Road Central. The Fire Brigade arrived shortly after the out-break upon the scene, and the water from the harbour again proved of the greatest assistance. The fire, however, bad obtained a good hold on No. 280 and the adjoining shop, No. 282, a general store, and in spite of the exertions of the brigade the two shops were entirely burnt out, the flames not being got under till 5.30 a.m. We understand Wz are informed by the agents (Messrs, Russell | that the premises No. 280, was insured for \$10,000 in the Hamburg Madgeburg Insurance Company, for whom Messrs, Sander & Co. are

#### THE GOVERNOR AND THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

We have been requested by his Excellency the Governor to publish the following reply to the letter of the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, which appeared in our issue of Monday last :--

GOVERNMENT HOUSE. Hongkong, 5th May, 1891.

Gentlemen,-I have given careful considera tion to your letter of the 4th inst., with an earnest desire to view it in the most favourable light.

Where offensive language is not itself withdrawn, the mere withdrawal or disclaimer of offensive meaning, which (according to my knowledge of English) inseparably attaches to the words, would under ordinary circumstances cause me difficulty in paying heed to it; but while for this reason my acceptance must in any case be as qualified as your reparation, I am nevertheless willing to accept that reparation, in The case was as per usual: A widow in Queen's | the spirit in which it is apparently offered, from Road; the car-rings snatched, and the offender I a reciprocated desire for peace on the eve of my caught. It was similarly disposed of by the leaving a Colony as to which I wish to retain no other than pleasant memories.

> I am, Gentlemen. Yours very faithfully,

(Signed) . G. W. DES VŒUX. The Hon, P. RYRIE.

Ho Kai. T. H. WHITEHEAD.

SUPREME COURT

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Sir James Russell, Chief Justice.)

'May 6th.

Judgment was delivered in the case Loo Ngo Ko versus Chan Sub Sang, which was a claim for the possession of Sec. A of Inland Lot 142 and two shops erected thereon, and for profits from May 18th, 1800. Plaintiff's claim rested on a purchase and assignment dated November 5th, 1589, from Leung Ayl. He was duly registered in the Land Office as owner and, his title was not disputed. Defendant claimed that the owner in 1873, Ho Lai Shi. leased the property to defendant's father for 20 years at \$08 per month. A book was produced with an entry purporting to be a lease. In 1888 Loung Avi tried to raise the rent to \$120, when this book was produced and a memorial of it was registered in the Land Office, Dec. 10, 1988. There was some doubt as to the validity of the lease; but his Lordship ruled that it could not affect Loung Ayi (who knew nothing of it) nor his successor the plaintiff. Ord. III of 1844 in the preamble had the words "to prevent secret and fraudulent conveyances" etc. After going fully into the Ordinance, his Lordship found that plaintiff was entitled to possession of the premises in May, 1890. There must be a decrea for possession and also rents up to date of delivering possession. Judgment for plaintiff with costs.

mediate execution. The premises in dispute were Government would have the desired effect. burnt down a day or two ago, and without referthe magistrate as to the origin of the fire, it was the probability of plaintiff leaving the Colony. It is practically decided to bring the question. The amount due for rent could be settled by the Registrar. Mr. Pollock (for defendant) had said there would be no difficulty in arranging what the amount should be. Defendant had not

His Lordship made the order accordingly.

THE CHINESE FUNERAL RITES CASE. In the matter of the estate of Tso Wing Yung, deceased, in which Mr. Phillippo appeared for one of the legatees and Mr. Leach for the Official Assignee,

His lordship gave judgment in accordance with the application, that the bequest of one eleventh part to pay the whole annual income for Chinese sites to be performed at testator's grave be vold, as tending to a perpetuity, and that there was an intestacy of that portion, which should go to the next of kinTHE FATALITY TO A SCHOOL-

At the Magistracy this afternoon Mr. Wise, Acting Coroner, held an inquiry into th circumstances attending the death of J. McBean who was accidentally shot yesterday morning.

Dr. Marques was called and said the body was taken to the mortuary about 9 a.m. yesterday and he made a post mortem examination in the afternoon. He found blood oozing from the nose and a small bullet wound on the upper portion of the right chest. The bullet had gone through and lodged in the lung. Death resulted from hemorrhage caused by the wound. The deceased died about ten minutes after the wound was inflicted. The saloon rifle produced would fire a bullet such as the wound made.

John Orluk, "nine years of age, said was a scholar at 'St. Ioseph's College. H knew the deceased, who was in the same class. Yesterday morning about half-past eight he and the deceased with other hows were playing near the school. He saw the boy Lebury holding the rifle, pointing it at McRean, who stood about twelve yards away. Lebury did not speak and pulled the trigger, but he did not know it was loaded. McBean fell down and groaned. Lebuy and his brother carried McBenn outside the grounds to take him towards the doctor's house. There had been no quarrel between the deceased and Lebury. They were playing,

Jose Pereira, another school-boy, gave similar evidence. They were playing in a compound, and one of them put a dog in a hox, in which was found the fire-arm. The gun belonged to a boy named Piry, 'The deceased and Lebury were good friends.

Andrew Piry, another pupil at St. Joseph's College, said the rifle was given to him. He had bought cartridges for it from a Chinaman's shop.' He was not present at the time of the shooting. The rifle was kept in his room.

Brother Abbin said that vesterday morning, about 8.15, one of the boys came him and told thim a boy had been shot. He at once went to see, and found McBean dead: The body was then taken away. He knew the boys, and had never heard of any quarrel between Esq. the boys. Lebury had not an excellent character. either for temper and work. Witness was not aware of Piry being in possession of the weapon. Had he known. Piry would not have been allowed to keep it.

Joseph Lebury then made, a statement as follows—I am a scholar at St. Joseph's College. I am thirteen years of age. There was a boy named Rozz playing with us, and he took a dog Mr. Oswald's b. Opposition, rost, 91b...... and put it in a box. I saw the rifle in the box and I took it away. I was playing Mr. Ring's cr. Orange Peel, 11st, 11b.......... soldlers with it and I put my fingers on the trigger. I was pointing at him and it went off Mr. Sassoon's gr. Perhaps, 11st. 11b...... was frightened, and Tommy (the deceased) fell down. I and my brother lifted him up to carry Mr. Sassoon's ch. Fontenoy, 11st. 1lb..... him to Dr. Hartigan's house, and then one of the priests came up. ' ...

The mother of the deceased was called, and said the boys were friends. She could assign no reason for Lebury killing her son.

His Worship said—I find the death of the deceased was caused by Internal hemorrhage from a bullet wound accidentally inflicted by one Joseph Lebury .- Addressing Lebury, he the first twenty strides, but then Black Leaf took added-I have found it was an accident, and afthough you are a young boy I hope it will be a lesson throughout your life not to pick up firearms, loaded or unloaded. - Your folly has caused the death of another boy. It has often been said was third, barely half a length behind Opposiby gentlemen in my position what the reckless use of fire-arms lead to, and it is true again, and I hope that you will be corrected by your father. as a warning never to touch such things again.

ifle from a friend older than bimself, and his Worship continuing said—He was a bigger fool than you. I forfeit the rifle which has been the cause of this accident.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Wise, Inspector Hennessy said the Police would now withdraw the charge against Lebury, and he was discharged.

CORRESPONDENCE

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column]

THE SUNDAY LABOUR BILL

A REPLY. To THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TREEGRAPH."

SIR,-Permit me to make the following brief reply to Mr. Whitehead's criticisms on the Sunday Rest Bill. Firstly, there cannot be any reasonable doubt

but that the Government has devoted due consideration to the subject of vegetables, eggs ducks, geese and fish which are imported by the Canton river boats. There will, therefore, be no necessity for Hongkong's teeming thousands having to tiffin off state eggs and decayed vegetables when unnecessary labour on board ships in this port is restricted on Sundays.

Secondly, if shipowners and charterers could not see the "writing on the wall" which the anti-Sunday Inbour movement clearly indicated, during the past nine months in particular, it is no fault of a Government which has taken action calculated to relieve an important section of the world's communities from what was at once a hardship and a gross injustice. But it is reasonable to conclude that the authorities will see to it that a month or two's grace in the operation of the law will be given to those who have lacked forethought in this connection.

Thirdly, the large portion of the community whose livelihood is dependent on the vast shipping trade of this port will, it may be assumed have less work to do on Sundays in future than prioriothe passing of the Sunday Rest Ordinance. But if the whole community is in favour of legis, lation restricting labour on shore, it is probable Mr. Robinson (for the plaintiff) asked for im- | that a petition on the subject addressed to the

! Finally, allow me to propose that if, Watters to be Consul at Swatow, Mr. Alex. ence to any question which might come before as Mr. Whitehead suggests, the foreign- Mr. John Peel's gr. Elastic 10st. 8lb......... built vessels are in danger of being, driven to the wall by a number of unseaworthy Mr. Newboy's b. Shiogun, 11st. 11b. junks, whose cargoes cannot be insured and are constantly pillaged by pirates who infest the coasts of the neighbouring provinces, it must indeed be of such an unstable character as to warrant shareholders in withdrawing every cent they have hitherto invested in coasting companies with so much pecunitry advantage to themselves and the shippers (native) who largely patronise their vessels at all the treaty ports throughout the Chinese empire.

When our President returns to Hongkong in the course of a day or two he will doubtless answer Mr. Whitehead more fully than I have done-if he thinks the game worth the candle, which is somewhat doubtful.

Thanking you for favouring this with space i your columns.

Yours, etc., A BRITISH OFFICER Hongleong, file May, 1801,

#### PRESENTATION TO CAPTAIN DARKE.

The following address was presented to Capt. Darke by the Catterthier's passengers, on the voyage from Sydney hither:-

Steamship Catterthun, Port Darwin, April 23rd 1891.

Dear Captain Darke,

Before leaving the final port of Australia we, the undersigned passengers between Sydney. Port Darwin and Hongkong, after two weeks pleasant experience feel desirous of recording our entire satisfaction with the arrangement of your ship, which are contrary to what was expected by us, inasmuch as that we were at times led to believe the Eastern and Australian Company did not make the very best provision We are now, however, fully convinced that

fresh supplies were secured by you at every port. of call, together with abundance, of ice, which must be far more inviting than any provision that can be made by the much vaunted refrigerating process. Be assured that we are all very sensible of

your constant courtesy and attention, which served to make our voyage far more enjoyable than any ever before undertaken by us.

The care and thoughtfulness of your officers is also very noticable. For such care and thoughfulness you will please convey our heartfelt thanks, and permit us to subscribe ourselves your sincere friends.

(Sd.) W. WEST ERSKINE, M.L.C., S.A.

HARRY D. GELL, J.P. S.A.

E. V. BROWNE, Melbourne.

RICHARD TRAPO, London. JOHN PADDEN, Robe, S.A.

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Stewards :- A. McLeod, Esq.; W. Howle. Esq.; Jno. Macgregor, Esq.; O. Schussenhauer, Esq.; Robt. Mackenzie, Esq.; H. J. H. Tripp, Esq.; B. A. Clarke, Esq. Clerk of the Courser. F. Hough, Esq. Secretary-Barnes Dallas,

FIRST DAY .- MONDAY, 27TH APRIL.

The HART LEGACY CUP, presented by the late James Hart; value, Tls. 100; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Half-a-mile.

Mr. Newboy's bl. Black Leaf, 11st. 11b......

Mr. Meyerink 3 Mr. Sassoon o

Mr. Newboy's b. Mikado, Tist ilb.....

Mr. Ruttunice o Mr. J. D. Humphreys gr. Visitant, 11st, 11b... Mr. Hart Buck o Mr. J. D. Humphreys' gr. Veni, 10st. 12lb. ... Mr. Maciean o

Mr. Humphreys' colours showed in front for up the running on the inside. Along the straight Opposition challenged, and a fine race home ensued, Black Leaf winning by a short head. Orange Peel, coming up fast in the middle, tion; Fontency was fourth, and Perhaps last. -

Time, 1m. 5 4/5sec. Pari-mutuel: Visitant 21, Opposition 16 Orange Peel 16, Fontenoy 14. Black Leaf o. In answer to his Worship, Piry said he got the Perhaps 3, Veni 3, Mikado 1:- Total 83=\$415. he Criterion Stakes. A Sweepstakes of Tis.

To each, with Tis. 100 added; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; second pony to save his stake. One mile. Mr. Sassoon's sk. Hero, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Dallas 1 Mr. Waveny's bl. Noirmont, 11st. 4lb. .......

Mr. Worthy's gr. Chimera, rost. 9lb. ...... Mr. Hough 3 Mr. Neptune's b. Resolution, 11st. 1lb. ......

Mr. Mrclean o Mr. Sassoon's ch. Blazer, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Sassoon e Mr. Ten Broeck's gr. Wild Mint, 10st. 61b......

Mr. Min's b. Reaper, 11st. 7lb .....Mr. Baker o About half an hour's delay was caused at the start by the vagaries of Hero, who ran round the course and indulged in other bursts before . a start was finally effected, at the fourth attempt. Resolution made the running, four or five lengths ahead of Hero, with Noirmont third. Rounding the bend for the Monument the favourite assumed the lead; and at the Monument was a couple of lengths shead. Coming into the straight Resolution was beaten and Noirmont took second place, but could not come near Hero

Resolution was fourth, Wild Mint fifth, and Blazer last. Time, amin. 13 1-5th sec. Pari-mutuel: -Hero 100, Noirmont 24. Resolution, 13, Wild Mint 7, Reaper 6, Blazer 1,

who won easily by three lengths; bad third,

Chimers.—Total 152=\$750., The GRIFFINS' PLATE, value, Tie. 250; for China ponies that have never run at any meetings second pony, Tis. 50; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tis. 5. Three-quarters of a

dr. H. Sylva's cr. Teutonic, 11st. 11b..... Mr. Mustard's gr. Guarantee, 11st. 11b........ Mr. Holmefield's gr. Hawthornden, 10st. 12....

Mr. Sassoon's gr. Streamer, 10st. 12lb ...... Mr. Sassoon O Mr. Sassoon's gr. Beauty, rost. olb. Mr. Dallas o Mr. W. T. Phipps' wh. Undaunted 10st. 12lb. Mr. Reynell o Mr. Choufleur's gr. False Alarm 10st. 91b......

Mr. Monster's ple. Gehelmnisz, 11st, 1lb ...... Mr. Crawford's ch. Homeward, 10st. 12lb..... Mr. Crawford Mr. Teller's ch. Quidnunc, rost. 121b.....

Mr. Inch's wh. White Heather, 11st. 1lb. ..... Mr. Falk's gr. West Wind, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Read @ Mr. Ring's gr. Assurance, 11st. 4 b......

Mr. Meyerink o Mr. J. D. Humphreys' b. Vidi, 11st. 11b. ..... Mr. Hart Buck o Mr. J. D. Humphreys' gr. Vici trate tib .....

Mr. Ramsay o Mr. Scraph's gr. Chief Justice, 11st olb...... Mr. Ruttunice o Mr. Frederic's d. Bovril, 12st. 11b...,Mr. Allan O, Mr. Gustay's gr. First Choice, 10st. 91b......

My, Juan's d. History 20st, 1916/17/161/ 16ladt @

Mr. Juan's gr. Hazarder tost. 12lb. Mr.Ramsey o Mr. C. F. Woodward's sp. Bandicoote, 11st. 11b. Mr. Midwood o

After several false starts the field were despatched in fairly good order. Beauty was showing the way at the Monument, closely attended by seven or eight others, among whom were Assurance and Undaunted. Coming into the straight Beauty was still leading, with Guarantee close at hand. Nearing the stand Guarantee came to the front and for a moment looked like winning easily, but was immediately challenged by Teutonic, who, hard ridden, just got up in the nick of time and won a fine race by a head, Hawthornden was a good third, with all the others close up except Vidi, who was last. -Time, 1m, 395.

Parl-mutel :- Guarantee 55, Beauty Undaunted 46, Assurance 24, West Wind 16, Geheimnisz 14, Bovril 12, Elastic 10, Shiogun 7, Vidl 6, Vici 6, Streamer 5, False Alarm 4 Hazard 4. White Heather 3, Teutonic 2, Storm King 2, Quidnunc 2, Chief Justice 2, First Choice 2. Hazarder 2, Homeward 1, Hawhornden 1.-Total 278=\$1,390.

The CATHAY CUP, value, Tls. 150; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; Griffins at date of entry allowed 7lbs; entrance; Tis. 5. One mile and a half.

Mr. Sassoon's br. Zephyr, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Dallas 1 Mr. Hampton's gr. Comus, tost, olb. Mr. Hough 2 Mr. Chantrey's wh. Autocrat, Hst. 4lb..... Mr. Baker 3 Mr. W. T. Phipps' b, Perseverance, 11st. 1lb... Mr. Choufleur's gr. Elegant, 11st, 4lb.......... o

Mr. Midwood o Perseverance made the running a length in Mr. Anthon's d. Dan, 10st. 12lb...Mr. Maclean front of Comus and Elegant, Zephyr fourth. Mr. Sassoon's cr. Golden Cloud, 10st. 12lb ... This order was maintained until entering the back straight, when Zephyr came into third place, Elegant dropping back. Rounding the bend for the Monument Perseverance was beaten and Comus assumed the lead only to be Mr. W. T. Phipps' wh. Undaunted, rost, 111b. immediately passed by Zephyr. The two made a good race home, but the favourite was never really extended and won easily by three quarters of a length; bad third; Persoverance was fourth and Elegant last. Time, 3m 275-4th sec.

Parl-mutuel:—Zephyr 215, Autocrat 10, Comus 10. Perseverance 5. Elegant 2.-Total 242=\$1,210.

The Jockey Cup, value, Tls. 100; for China Mr. Teller's ch. Quidnunc, 10st. 12lb.Mr. Coutts O ponies that have never won a race; to be Mr. Holmefield's gr. Hawthornden, 10st. 12lb. ridden by jockeys who have never had a winning mount before this meeting; weight Mr. Inch's wh. White Heather, 11st. 11b ..... for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Once

Mr. Charley's b. Irkdale (late Glenlivet) Mr. Sassoon's gr. Experiment, 11st. 4lb..... Mr. Schärff 2

Mr. Choufleur's gr. Stalwart, 11st. 8ib...... Mr. Wickham Mr. Sassoon's gr. May Morn, 11st. 4lb......

Mr. Moffat's bl. Cloudlands, 10st. 13lb...... Mr. Troy's gr. Favonius, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Edblad of Mr. Middy's d. Kingcraft, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Souter o Mr. John's d. Sturmwind, 11st. 4lb.....

Mr. Hegnauer o

Experiment and Sturmwind made the running. the former assuming a slight lead in the back straight. In this order they, ran to the bend for the Monument. Here Irkdale was coming up. caught Mr. Sassoon's rony just beyond the Monument, and coming away fast won by four lengths; bad third; Sturmwind was fourth, Kingcraft fifth, and Cloudlands last .- Time, 2m, 47 4-5th secs.

Pari-mutuel:—Irkdale, late Glenlivet 57 Sturmwind 35, Stalwart 31, Kingcraft 27, Experiment 11, May Morn 10, Cloudlands 4, Favonius 4.—Total 183=\$915.

The KIANGSU PLATE, value, Tis. 150; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tis. 5. One mile and three quarters.

Mr. Sassoon's gr. El Dorado tost, 12lb..... Mr. Sassoon Mr. Sassoon's gr. Eureka 11st. 1lb.Mr. Dallas 2 Mr. Newboy's bl. Black Leaf 11st. 11b...... Mr. Baker

Mr. Inch's gr. Earlstoun, 10st. 12lb.Mr. Renny o Mr. J. D. Humphreys' ch. Volcano, 11st. 1lb... Mr. Hart Buck o Mr. J. D. Humphreys' gr. Vernal, 10st. 12lb... Mr. Crawford

Mr. C. F. Woodward's cr. Wallaby, 11st. 4lb... Mr. Midwood

Vernal made the running, with Black Leaf second and Earlstoun third. Rounding the bend into the back straight Eureka assumed the lead closely attended by Black Leaf. At the end of the simight this order was unchanged, but the leader was gradually drawing away and El Dorado was rapidly gaining on Black Leaf. passing the Monument Mr. Sassoon's pair had the race between them. Eureks was eased near the stand, and El Dorado won by half a length: Black Leaf was a very bad third, Volcano fourth Wallaby fifth, and Vernal last. Time 4m, 5 2-5th.

Pari-mutuel :- Eureka 118, El Dorado 26, Volcano 22, Black Leaf 15, Vernal 4, Earlstonn 2, Wallaby 1.—Total 188=\$940.

The RACING STAKES, a sweepstakes of Tis. 10 each; for China ponies that have never run before 1st January, 1801; griffins at date of entry allowed 5lbs; weight for inches as per scale; winners, 5lbs. extra. One mile and a

Mr. Kilmun's gr. Bubbling Well, 11st. 3lb... Mr. Sassoon's gr. Fancy, test. tolb.Mr. Dallas 2 Mr. Hagg's ch. Starlight, 11st. 6lb. Mr. Sassoon 3 Mr. Choufleur's gr. En Avant, rost. 71b......

Mr. Midwood o Mr. John Peel's gr. Talisman, rost. solb.,.., Mr. Feny's gr. Bendigo, tost. tolb...Mr. Allan o Mr. Faik's gr. West Wind, 10st. 13lb.Mr. Read o Mr. Middy's cr. Galba, rost. rolb.Mr. Maclean o

Mr. J. D. Humphreys' gr. Vici, rost. 10lb . ... Mr. Hart Buck o Mr. Seraph's gr. Consul-General, zzst. olb... Mr. Ruttonice o Mr. Ruff's gr. Orange Sleeve, rost, 13lb, Mr. Ruff o

En Avant at first showed in front, but was soon passed by Bendigo who made the running until half way along the back straight. when Fancy and Starlight drew up, the latter however coon falling back again; nearing the Monument Bubbling Well came up rapidly on the outside and led into the straight, with Fancy secondand Starlight third, which order was maintained to the end, Bubbling Well winning by four lengths, bad third; Talisman was fourth, Galba

fifth, and En Avant last. Time, 2m. 49 4-5ths. Pari-mutuel ;-Bubbling Well 52, Starlight, 35, Fancy 32, Talisman 18, West Wind 13, Galba 11, Bendigo 8, Orange Sleeve 7, Consul-General 4, Vici 1.7-Total .81=905.

The ROADSTERS' PLATE, value, Tis. 100; for China ponies (without restriction to height) not otherwise entered at this meeting, and that have never won a race; weight, tost. Talb; entrance, Tis. 5. Once round.

Mr. Ring's ch. St. Mark, rost. 12lb..... Mr. Choufleur's gr. Vindleator, zost, zalb..... Mr. Worthy's b. Hornot, 10st. 121b. Mr. Sassoon's b. Heron, rost. 12lb ....... Mr. Dallas o Mr. Moray's gr. Millionaire, rest. 13tb....... Mr. Coults o Mr. Worthy's gr. Don Pedro, 10st. 12lb ......

Mr. Midwood o Mr. John Peel's ch. Alabama; 10st. 13lb..... Mr. Reynell o Mr. Dual's ch. Ventilator, tost. 12lb.......... o Mr. Crawford o

Mr. Daniel's gr. Maraschino, 11st. 11b...... o Mr. Baker o Mr. Julius' gr. Matador 10st, 12:b .... Mr. Ruff o Mr. Harvey's gr. Surefoot, rost, relb...... o

Heron got the best of the start and made the running with Vindicator second and St. Mark third. Heron held a good lead along the back straight and the order was unchanged at the Monument at which Vindicator and St. Mark were close up to the leader. In the straight Hornet joined the other three, and a fine, race ended in favour of St. Mark by a quarter of a length from Vindicator; Hornet, hard ridden, was a good third, Heron fourth, Matador fifth Surefoot sixth and Ventilator last .- Time, 2m.

Pari-Mutel:-St. Mark 81, Heron 69, Matador 5, Vindicator 9, Alabama, 8, Millionaire 7 Hornet 7, Maraschino 7, Ventilator 6, Surefoot 2.-Total 211=\$1,055.

The CESAREWITCH STAKES, a sweepstakes of Tls, to each ; for China ponies, being bond fide griffins at date of entry, and which have arrived in Shanghai after 28th February, 1891; weight for inches as per scale; winners of a race, 71b. extra. One mile."

Mr. Neptune's d. Determination, 10st. 12lb... Mr. Kilmun's gr. Pit-a-pat, 10st. 6lb...Mr. Ruff o

Mr. Reynell o Mr. Hagg's d. Globe Trotter, 11st. 11b...... Mr. Dickinson o Mr. John Peel's gr. Storm King, 11st. 4lb......

Mr. Hough o Mr. Newboy's b. Shiogun, 11st. 1lb.Mr. Baker c Mr. Newboy's b. Mikado, 11st. 1lb.Mr. Ramsay o Mr. Crawford's ch. Homeward, 10st. 12lb..... Mr. Crawford o

🦠 Mr. Inglis o Mr. Renny o Mr. Troy's gr. Balmahal, 1041, 9lb/Mr. Midwood o

Mr. J. D. Humphreys' b. Vidi, 11st 1lb....... Mr. Hart Buck o Mr. Scraph's gr. Chief Justice, 10st. 13lb..... Mr. Ruttunice o Mr. Frederic's d. Bovril, 11st. 1lb...Mr. Allan o

Dan made the running about half a length in front of Hawthornden, and was still in front on entering the straight for home. Here Golden Cloud and Determination challenged, but could not reach the leader, who won by a length and a half; the same distance between second and third; Pit-a-pat was fourth, Quidnunc fifth and Mikado last.—Time, 2m. 13s.

Parl-mutuel :- Determination 64, Dan; 58 Hawthornden 21, Undaunted 14, Globe Trotter 14, Golden Cloud 12, Storm King 11, Shingun 6. Balmahal 6. Pit-a-pat 3. Vidi 3. Bovril 2, Quidaunc z, White Heather z.- Total 218=

SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, 28TH APRIL.

The Chu-KA-ZA Cup, value, Tls. 100; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race since 1st October, 1890, 7lbs. extra ; two or more races, lolbs. extra ; entrance, Tis. 5. Half-a-mile,

Mr. Choufleur's gr. False Alarm, 10st. 9ib.... Mr. Seraph's gr. Consul General, 11st. 3lb... Mr. Baker Mr. C. F. Woodward's sp. Bandlcoote, 11st, 1lb. Mr. Midwood

Mr. Sassoon's ch. Blazer, rost. 12...Mr. Dallas o Mr. Sassoon's ch. Fontenoy, 11st. 11b...... Mr. Sassoon o Mr. Newboy's b. Mikado, 11st. 1 b. Mr. Maclean Mr. Oswald's b. Opposition, xxst. 2lb......

Mr. Hough Mr. J. D. Humphreys' gr. Visitant, 11st. 11b.,.. Mr. Hart Buck o Mr. J. D. Humphreys' gr. Veni, 10st. 12lb... Mr. Read o

Mr. O. Hecht's b. Flirt, 11st. 7lb ..... Mr. Ruff Mikado made the running and at the Monument was three lengths ahead of False Alarm. Bandicoote third. False Alarm took the lead on entering the straight, and was headed winning by two lengths from Consul-General, hard ridden at the finish; Bandicoo'e was a good third, a head in front of Mikado: Visitant was last.-Time, 1m. o 2-5th sec.

Parl-mutuel: -Opposition 39, Fontency 16, Mikado 12, False Alarm o, Blazer 7, Visitant 3. Veni 3. Consul-General 2.—Total 91=\$455.

The SHANGHAI DERBY, a Sweepstakes of Tis. 15 each, with Tis. 100 added; for China ponies being bond fide griffins at date of entry; first pony to receive 75 per cent.; second pony, 15 per cent.; third pony, to per cent.; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a half. Mr. Kilmun's gr. Bubbling Well, 11st. 7lb.,,

Mr. Reynell Mr. Neptune's d. Determination, 10st. 12lb.... Mr. Anthon's d. Dan. 11st. 4lb. Mr. Maclean Mr. Sassoon's gr. Beauty, rost. olb. Mr. Dallas o Mr. H. Sylva's cr. Teutonic, 11st. 11b. Mr. Pond o Mr. Monster's pie. Gehelmnisz, 11st. 1lb.,.... Mr. Ehlers o

Mr. Holmefield's gr. Hawthornden, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough c Mr. Inch's wh. White Heather, 11st. 11b..... Mr. Renny

Mr. Ferry's gr. Bendigo, 11st, 1lb. Mr. Allan o Mr. Seraph's gr. Chief Justice, rost. 12lb,..... Mr. Crawford o Mr. Ruff's gr. Orange Sleeve, 11st. 11b......

Geheimniss, Beauty and Determination led past the stand, and at the Loong-fei gate Gehelmniss had a lead of two lengths, but soon gave way to Teutonic, who made the running with Dan second, all the ponies close together, Teutonic was still leading at the Monument, but here Bubbling Well began to draw up rapidly, and, coming past the leaders in fine style assumed command and won in a canter by six lengths from Determination, who was a neck in front of Dan, the latter the same distance ahead of Tentonic; White Heather was fifth, and Bendigo and Geheimniss last.-Time, 3min.

16 4-5th. Pari-mutuel:-Dan 71, Bubbling Well 61, Beauty 42, Teutonic 39, Hawthornden 28, Determination 14, Geheimnisz 5, Bendigo 2, White Heather I, Chief Justice I .- 264=\$1,320.

The LADIES' PUBSE, value, for Chiua ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tis.

c. One mile and a quarter. Mr. Sassoon's br. Zephyr, rist. 4lb..... Mr. Sassoon 1 Mr. Meyerink I Mr. W. T. Phipps' b. Perseverance, 11st, 11b...

Mr. Roynell 2 Mr. Ogle's Mr. J. D. Humphreys' gr. Visitant, 11st. 11b...

This race requires very little discription, Zephyr him to the Monument, where he came away ensued. Black Leaf just kept his lead to the end and won very easily by three lengths; Persever- and won by a neck; good third; Noirmont was of Visitant. - Time, 2m. 44 3-5 h sec.

Pari-mutuel :- Zephyr B3, Reaper 12, Perseverance o, Visitant 5 .- Total 109= \$545.

The RACE CLUB CUP, value, Tls. 150; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners at this meeting of a race of one mile or under to carry 3lbs. extra; over a mile, 7lhs. extra; penalties accumulative up to tolbs.; entrance, Tis. 5. Two miles. Mr. Chantrey's wh. Autocrat, 11st. 4lb......

Mr. Baker 1 Mr. Sassoon's gr. El Dorado, 11st. 5lb...... Mr. Dallas 2 Mr. I. D. Humphreys' ch. Volcano, '11st. 1lb. Mr. Hart Buck 3 Mr. Chouffeur's gr. Stalwart, 11st. 7lb.,.....

Stalwart made the running, with El Dorado, Autocrat and Volcano second, third and fourth respectively. At the Loong-fel gate Autocrat came into second place, and there was no further change in the order until nearing the Monument, where the rear division had drawn up. At the Monument Stalwart was beaten and Autocrat came away with about a length's elead of El Dorado. A fine race between the two followed. but the favourite was evidently in difficulties, and he could not get-up, Autocrat winning by a length; bad third.—Time, 4m. 34sec.

Pari-mutuel :- El Dorada 184, Volcano 34. Autocrat 21, Stalwart 13-Total 216=\$1,080.

The CONCORDIA CUT; value, Tis ....; presented by members of the Club Concordia, added to a sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; second pony to receive to per cent, and the third pony to per cent. of the stakes; for China ponies bond fide griffins at date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the Derby, 5lb. extra. One mile and a half

Mr. Hampton's gr. Comus, 1 st. 11b. Mr. Hough 1 Mr. Sassoon's gr. Fancy, 11st...1lb, Mr. Dallas 2 Mr. Juan's d. Hazarder, 10st, 12lb. Mr. Ramsey 3 Mr. Sassoon's gr. Experiment, 11st. 4lb......

Mr. Sassoon o Mr. T. Phipps' Undaunted, 10st. 12lb....... Mr. Revnell o Mr. Crawford's ch. Homeward, tost, 12lb .....

Mr. Crawfold o Mr. Godolbhin's b. 'fregonning, tist, tlb..... Mr. Pond o Mr. Teller's ch. Quidnunc, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Coutts o Mr. Falk's gr. West Wind, 11st. 4lb.....

Mr. Dickinson o Mr. Ring's gr. Assurance, 11st. 4lb ..... Mr. Meyerink o Mr. Middy's cr. Galba, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Maclean o Mr. J. D. Humphreys' b. Vidi 11st. 1lb....... Mr. Hart Buck

Mr. Seraph's gr. Consul-General, 1(st. 31b...... Mr. Baker o Mr. John's d. Sturmwind, 11st. 4lb, Mr. Rend o Undaunted made the running to the end of the back straight with Hazarder second. Here Undauhted was besten, and Hazarder led into the straight with Fancy and Comus in close

attendance. The leader was soon overhauled by Fancy and Comus, and the latter coming ahead steadily won by two lengths, bad third West Wind was fourth an'i Vidi last. Time, Pari-mutuel: - Comus 129, Fancy 56, Assurance 42. Tregonning 30, Und suited 29, Galba 14. Sturmwind to, Consul-General 9, Experiment

8, West Wind 3, Vidi 3, Hazarder 3, Homeward-1, Quidnunc 1.—Total 338=\$1,690. The Spring Cup; value, Tis. 100, added to a sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each, less Tls. 50 to the second pony; for China ponies that have

never won a race; weight, 11st, for 13 hands; to give or take 61b. for every inch over or under. One mile, Mr. Ogle I Mr. Worthy's gr. Chimera, 10st. 8lb. Mr. Harvey's ch. Sterling, 11st. 6lb. Mr. Allan 2

Mr. Neptune's b. Resolution, 11st. 6lb..... Mr. Sassoon's gr. Streamer, 11st. olb..... Mr. W. T. Phipps' b. Perservance, 11st. 6lb... Mr. Reynell o

Mr. John Peel's gr. Elastic, 10st, 2lb..... Mr. Crawford o Mr. Susa's gr. Atoner, rost. 8lb. Mr. Maclean o Mr. Troy's gr. Balmahal, rost. 8ib..... Mr. Midwood o Mr. Ring's bl Zanzibar, 1131.01b. Mr. Meyerink o

Mr. Seraph's gr. Chief Justice, 11st, olb...... Mr. Gustav's gr. First Choice, 10st. 81b......

Atoner and Chimera made the running, close together, a length ahead of Sterling, and these three were still in front at the half mile. Here Resolution showed up prominently for a few strides, but the effort soon died away, and at the same time Atoner was beaten. A good race between Sterling and Chimera ended in favour of the latter by a length and a half; Sterling was a head in front of Resolution; Perseverance was fourth, First Choice fifth, and Balmahal

last.—Time 2m. 8sec. Pari-mutuel :- Chimera :- 72, Resultion Zanzibar 27, Perseverance, 25, Atoner 21 Streamer 19, Sterling 10, Balamahal 4, Elastic 2 Chief Justice 1, First Choice 1.- Total 254=

The SHANGHAI STAKES; a forced entry of Tis. 5 for all ponies, except those entered in the Roadsters' Plate ; first pony to receive 75 per cent.; second pony to receive 15 per cent.; third pony, 10 per cent, of the stakes ; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a half. Mr. Sassoon's sk. Hero, Trst. 7lb...Mr. Dallas Mr. Charley's b. Irkdale late Glenlivet, 11st.

4lb.....Mr. Midwood 2 Mr. Hagg's ch. Starlight, 11st, 11b.Mr. Sassoon 3 Mr. Sassoon's gr. Sycee, 11st. 11b. Mr. Dickinson o Mr. Ten Broeck's gr. Wild Mint, 10st. 6lb... Mr. Maclean o' Mr. C. F. Woodward's cr, Wallaby, 11st. 4lb.

Hero and Starlight neck and neck were first past the stand, but along the back straight Hero gradually drew away and at the bend for the Monument was leading by two lengths, Iskdale having taken third place. The favourite had still a substantial lead on entering the straight for home, and he won easily by four lengths; a length between second and third; Sycee was fourth, Wild Mint fifth, and Wallaby last through-

· Pari-mutel :- Hero 116, Starlight 17, Irkdale, late Gleulivet 12, Wild Mint 7, Wallaby 3 Sycee 2.—Total 157=\$785.

out.-Time, 3min, 17 1-5thsec.

The TAOTAI'S CUP; value, Tls.,,...; presented by H.E. the Taotai; for China ponies; weight, 12st.; winners at this meeting, 5lbs. extra. Entrance Tls. 5; distance one mile, Mr. Newboy's bl. Black Leaf, (incl. 5lb. ex.)

Mr. Baker 1 Mr. Constable's wh. Mercury,...Mr. Meyerink 2 Mr. John's d. Sturmwind, ..... Mr. Hart Buck 2 Mr. Sassoon's gr. May Morn, .....Mr. Dallas o Mr. Choufleur's gr. Elegant,.....Mr. Ogle o Mr. Ferry's gr. Likelihood, .....Mr. Maclean o Mr. Waveny's bl. Noirmont, .......Mr. Read o

Likelihood made the pace for the first quarter Mr. Hough & Set, Min's b. Measter, sist. 41billilliMe. Baket & | was a length cleat at the Monaments . In the

straight run for home the leader was challenged as usual allowing the running to be made for by Mercury and Sturmwind and a fine race ance, h rd ridden, was nearly fifty yards ahead fourth, May Morn fifth, and Elegant last.-Time, at the Monument, but here his weight seemed on rounding the bend for the Monument was amin. 8 a-5th sec.

Pari-mutuel :- Noirmont 188, Mercury 33, Black Leaf 25, Elegant 10, Likelihood 9, Sturmwind 6. May Morn 5. - Total 276 - \$1,380.

The CHAU SHANG KIUK CUP; value Tis. .....; founded by the Directors and employes of the C. M. S. N. Co.; for China ponies that have never run at any meeting in China or Hongkong previous to date of entry at each meeting; to be won at two consecutive meetings, or three times in all, by ponles, the bond fide property of the same owner or owners; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 10; 80 per cent. of the entrance fees to go to the winners until the cup is won, when the second pony shall receive same; the remaining 20 per cent. to be allowed to accumulate, and the accumulation in excess of Tls. 500 (to be retained for a new cup) to be paid to the winner. One mile.

Mr. H. Sylva's cr. Teutonic, 11st, 1lb, Mr. Pond Mr. W. T. Phipps' wh. Undaunted, tost, 12lb. Mr. Reynell 2 Mr. Sassoon's cr. Golden Cloud, tost. 12lb.... Mr. Dallas 3

Mr. Kilmun's gr. Pit-a-pat, 10st. 6lb..... Mr. Crawford o Mr. Sassoon's gr. Streamer, 11st. olb...... Mr. Sassoon o Mr. Sassoon's gr. Beauty, 10st. 9lb.

Mr. Chousieur's gr. False Alarm, 10st. olb. ... Mr. Ogle o Mr. John Peel's gr. Talisman, 11st. 1lb..... Mr. Hough o Mr. Newboy's b. Shlogun, 11st. 3lb. Mr. Baker o Mr. Troy's gr. Balmahal, 10st. 9lb...... Mr. Monster's pic. Geheimnisz, 11st. 11b......

Mr. Ferry's gr. Bendigo 11st. 1st. ... Mr. Allen o' Mr. J. D. Humphrey's gr. Veni 10st. 13lb...... Mr. Hart Buck o Mr. Frederic's d. Bovril, 11st. 1lb....Mr. Read o' Mr. Mustard's gr. Guarantee, 11st. 1lb......... Mr. Mustard's gr. Guarantee, 11st. 1lb......

Mr. Maclean o Mr. Juan's gr. Hazarder, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Ramsey o Guarantee, ridden hard from the commencement, took the lead, and ran along the back straight a length in front of Hazarder. At the monument the second division, consisting of Teutonic, Undaunted and Golden Cloud were only half a length behind the leader, who was tiring. Teutonic soon drew away and had the race in hand half way along the straight, ultimately winning by a length and a half; good third: Hazarder was fourth. Pit-a-pat filth, and

Veni last.-Time, 2m. 7sec. Pari-mutuel :- Guarantee 63, Golden Cloud 66, Teutonic 38, Talisman 13, Bovril 12, Undaunted II. False Alarm 10, Hazarder 7, Pit-appat 5, Veni 5, Streamer 4, Beauty 2, Geheimnisz 2.-Total 243=\$1,215.

THIRD DAY, -WEDNESDAY, 29TH APRIL.

The GREAT NORTHERN PLATE, value, Tis. 100; for ponies that have run at this meeting; weight for inches as per scale; winner of one race at this meeting under a mile, 7lbs. extra, two such races, folbs, extra; entrance, Tis. 5. Seven furlongs.

Mr. Harvey's ch. Sterling, 11st. 11b.Mr. Allan 1 Mr. Worthy's gr. Chimera, Iost. olb.Mr. Ogle 'a Mr. Constable's wh. Mercury, 11st. 1lb...... Mr. Meyerink Mr. Neptune's b. Resolution, 11st. 11b.Mr. Pond o

Mr. Sassoon's ch. Fontenoy, 11st. Ilh.Mr. Dallas Mr. W. T. Phipps' b. Perseverance, 11st. 1lb... Mr. Reynell Mr. Susa's gr. Atoner, lost olb.....Mr. Renny o Mr. Oswald's b. Opposition, fost. folb......

Mr. Hough o Mr. J. D. Humphreys' gr. Visitant, 11st. 11b... Perseverance. Chimera and Resolution were the first three away. Towards the end of the

back straight Sterling and Mercury began to

draw up, and at the Monument had taken the

lead. Sterling got the best of the race and won

by three lengths; good third; Resolution was ourth and Opposition last.—Time, Im. 57 3-5th Pari-mutuel:—Mercury, 46, Chimera 29, Perseverance 11, Fontency 9, Opposition Resolution 7. Sterling 7. Visitant 2,-119=\$595. The PARI-MUTUEL CUP, value, Tis. 200, added to a sweepstakes of Tis. to each; second pony to receive 30 per cent., and the third pony 10 per cent. of the stakes; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; griffius at

date of entry allowed 7lbs.; non-starters and

winners at this meeting, 7lbs. extra. One mile and a half. Mr. Waveny's bl. Noirmont, 11st. 4ib..... Mr. Read Mr. Sassoon's gr. Eureka, 11st. 1lb.Mr. Dallas o Mr. John Peel's gr. Talisman, 10st. 9lb...... Mr. W. T. Phipps' wh. Undaunted, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Reynell o

Mr. J. D. Humphreys' ch. Volcano 11st. ilb... Mr. Hart Buck o Undaunted and Noirmont made the running. with Eureka in close attendance. At the Loong- Mr. Sassoon's gr. Sycee, 10st. 12lb.Mr. Dallas o fel gate Undaunted was two lengths ahead of Eureka, who was a quarter of a length in front of Noirmont. Along the back straight the Mr. Ten Broeck's gr. Wild Mint, Tost. 6th ... second two gradually drew up to Undaunted, and at the bend for the Monument the three were neck and neck. At the Monument Undagnted was beaten, and Noirmont coming along in fine style led Eureka by three lengths into the straight and finally won by three lengths; Talisman, brought up well at the finish, just caught Eureka on the post and made a dead heat for second

fourth and fifth,-Time, 3m. 33 2-5th sec, Pari-mutuel :- Eureka 113, Volcano 26, Noirmont 26, Talisman 14, Undaunted 13,-Total 192=\$960.

place; Volcano and Undaunted, easing up, were

The "SANS SOUCE " CHALLENGE CUP; value, Gs. 100; presented by D. E. Sassoon, Esq.; fcr. China ponies that have never run previous to the 1st January of the year in which the The CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES, a forced entry meetings are held; to be won at two consecutive meetings by ponies, the bond fide property of the same owner or owners; weight for inches as pir scale; winners of one race, 51bs extra; two or more races, 870s extra; Griffins at date of entry allowed 50s; Nonstarters at the meeting excluded; entrance Ils. 10; the first pony to receive seventy-five per cent, of the entrance fees, and the second pony twenty-five per cent, until the Cup is finally won, when the second pony shall receive seventy-live per cent, of the entrance fees, and the third pony twenty-five per cent. One mile and a quarter, Mr. Hampton's gr. Comus, 11st, 1lb. Mr. Pond

Mr. Neptune's d. Determination, rost. 71b..... Mr. Read 2 Mr. Anthon's d. Dan, 11st. 4lb, Mr. Maclean Mr. Kilmun's gr. Bubbling Well, 11st. 10lb,... Mr. Hagg's ch. Stariight, 11st. 6lb. Mr. Dallas o Mr. John Peel's gr. Storm King, rost, 1319 ...

Mr. J. D. Humphreys' gr. Vidi, rost. zolb..... Mr. Crawford o Mr. Scraph's gr. Chief Justice, rost 71b .....

Well made the running, the latter gradually others, and on entering the back straight he was drawing to the front along the back straight, Dan just in front, Black Lenf second. In the back lying fourth. Bubbling Well was still in front | straight Hero gradually increased his lead, and to tell, and he was soon passed by Comus, clear of Black Leaf. Here Zephyr, who had been Determination and Dan. Comus, on the inside, lying fourth, began to draw up, and on entering had a little the best of it on entering the straight, the straight for home was not more than two and, maintaining his advantage well, won by a lengths behind Hero, who looked as if he would length from Determination, who was two lengths | have some difficulty in winning. The favourite, ahead of Dan, who beat Bubbling Well by a however, kept in front and won by baiely short head for third place; Starlight was fifth, length from Zephyr. Noirmont was a bad third, Orange Sleeve sixth, and Storm King last. Time 2m. 52 seces.

Pari-mutuel:-Comus 83, Bubbling Well 75, Determination 55, Dan. 39, Starlight 26, Storm King 8, Chief Justice 2, Orange Sleeve 2, Vidi 1.-291=\$1,455.

The MANCHU STAKES; value, Tis. 100; for · China ponies, bona fide griffins at date of entry. that have run and not won a race; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. One: mile and a quarter.

Mr. Kilmun's gr. Pit-a-pat, 10st. 6lb. Mr. Crawford .1 Mr. Sassoon's gr. Fancy, 11st, 11b. Mr. Dallas 2 Mr. John's d. Sturmwind, 11st, 4lb..... Mr. Hart Buck Mr. Sassoon's cr. Gold in Cloud, 11st, olb .....

Mr. Sassoon Mr. W. T. Phipps' wh. Undaunted, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Rynell o Mr. John Peel's gr. Talisman, 11st. 11b...... Mr. Hough o

Mr. Teller's ch. Quidnunc, 10st. 12lb..... Mr. Holmefield's gr. Hawthornden, 10st. 12lb. at the first burdles. On taking the Loong-fe Mr. Inch's whi White Heather, 11st, 11b......

Mr. Ehlers o Mr. Falk's gr. West Wind, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Reid o were tiring rapidly, and Venture, brought along Mr. Frederic's d Bovril, 17st. 11b ...... Mr. Pond o with a splendid rush in the last forty yards, got Mr. Gustav's gr. First Choice, tost. glb........

Mr. Juan's gr. Hazarder, rost. 121b.....

Mr. Newboy's b Shlogun, 11st, 1lb. Mr. Biker o Shiogun and Golden Cloud got the best of a bad start which left First Choice a long way behind. Guarantee soon took the lead, closely attended by Golden Cloud and Quidnunc. Guarantee was still leading at the bend for the Monument, with Golden Cloud second. Here Pit-a-pat began to draw up fast, and, coming ahend in fine style, led by a length into the straight. Here he was challenged by Fancy, but the latter could not get on terms, though well ridden, and Pit-a-pat won by a length; good third; Bovril was fourth, Hazarder fifth, and Shlogun last,-Time, 2m. 52'3-5th.

Pari-mutuel:-Guarantee 27. Fancy 66, recent lynching of the eleven Sicillans at New Boyril 23. Sturmwind 17. White Heath r 14. Orleans will surrender themselves to the Golden Cloud 12. Undaunted 11. Talisman 11. Sauthorities in order to remove the difficulty Hawthornden to, Hizarder to, Pet-a-pat 6, Balmahal 5, West Wind 2, Quidnunc 1.-275 The YANGTSZE STAKES; value, Tis. 150; for

China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winner of a race of two miles, or over, 503. extra; Entrance, Tls, 5. Two miles and a Mr. Charley's b. Irkdale, late Glenlivet, 11st.

4lb......Mr. Midwood Mr. Chantrey's wh. Autocrat, 11st, 9lb..... Mr. Baker : Mr. Sassoon's gr. Experiment, 11st. 41b.......

Mr. Holmefield's br. Mavis, 10st. 9lb:..... Mr. Inglis o Mr. Inch's gr. Earlstoun, rost, 13lb. Mr. Hough o Mr. Ferry's gr. Likelihood, 10st. 12lb.

Mr. Ferry's gr. Bendigo, 11st. 1lb...Mr. Allan 'o Army. Mr. C. F. Woodward's cr. Wallahv, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Maclean o

Wallaby, but on passing the stand the second | the year 1881. time the lead was not more than two lengths. Entering the back straight Autocrat began to show prominently, and at the bend for the Monument took the lead from Experiment, Irkdale at the same time closing up fast on Wallaby. At the Monument Irkdale, drew up level with Autocrat, and the two made a fine race home, ending in a very popular win for Mr. Midwood's mount by two lengths, which might have been ten if necessary, Autocrat having had quite enough of it. Experiment was a bad third, Wallaby fourth and Likelihood fifth; the others walked in .- Time, 6mlp. 4/1-5th sec.

Parl-mutuel: -Autocrat 02, Irkdale 87, Earl stoun 37, Experiment 12, Rendigo 10, Mavis 8 Wallaby 5, Likelihood 4.—Total 255=\$1,275. The Consolation Cup, value, Tis. 100; for ponies that have run at this meeting and not

won a race; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tis. 5. Once round. Mr. Neptune's b. Resolution, 11st. 11b.Mr.Pond Mr. Choufleur's gr. Stalwart, 11st. 7lb..... Mr. Holmefield's, gr. Hawthornden, rost. 13th.

to a daughter of the Duke of Nassau, and has Mr. W. T. Phipp's b. Perseverance, 11st. 1lb. deprived the Grand Duke Michael of his Mr. Maclean O Mr. J. D. Humphreys' gr. Volcano, 11st. 1lb.

Stalwart, Perseverance and Wild Mint were the first three to get away, Sycee last. Stalwart retained the lead along the back straight, but at the Monument Perseverance drew up, only to fall back again directly afterwards, and Resolution came on in pursuit of Stalwart, whom he the Epson Spring Meeting, the contest for the overtook in the straight and beat by two lengths; good third; Wild Mint was fourth, Perseverance fifth, Sycee sixth and Volcano last. Time, 2m. 51 2-5th sec.

Pari-mutuel:—Resolution 70, Sycee 55, Perseverance 43, Hawthornden 29, Wild Mint 21, Volcano 19, Stalwart 15. - Total 252=\$1,260.

for and open only to winners at this meeting optional for the winners of the Consolation Cup and the Roadsters' Plate, not exceeding 14 hands 3 inches in height; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tis. 10; winners of two races, Tis. 15 extra ; of more than two. races, Tis. 40 extra. One mile and a quarter. Mr. Sassoon's sk. Hero, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Dallas 1

Mr. Sassoon's br. Zephyr, Hst. 4lb. Mr. Sassoon 2 Mr. Waveny's bl. Noirmont, 11st. 4lb..... Mr. Hart Buck Mr. Harvey's ch. Sterling, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Allan O Mr. Hampton's gr. Comus, Hst. Ilb. Mr. Hough o Mr. Newboy's'bl. Black Leaf, 11st. 11b. Mr. Baker o Mr. Charley's b. Irkdale, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Midwood o

Mr. Kilmun's gr. Pit-a-pat, rost. 6lb..... Mr. Crawford o Mr. Kilmun's gr. Bubbling Well, 11st. 71b..... Mr. Sylva's cr. Tentonic, 11st. 11b. Mr. Pond o Crown. Mr. Worthy's gr. Chimera, 10st, olb. Mr. Renny o

About half an hour was wasted at the start by the impatience of Zephyr, Teutonic and Sterling, The ponies were at length despatched to a fairly. Mr. Renny o good start, which however left Hero in the rear. Mr. Hart Buck 3 of a mile, but then gave way to Black Leaf, who Mr. Luff's gr. Orange Sleave, 19st. 101bitingte. Black Leaf made the sunning, closely followed Mil Ruff 6 by Wild Mint and likeale, Very early in the ing shortly, bu account of falling health.

Chief Justice, Orange Sleeve and Bubbling | race the favourite began to come through the Comus fourth, Irkdale fifth, Pit-a-pat sixth and Black Leaf last. Time, amin. 46 3-5th sec.

Pari-mutuel :- Hero 159 Zephyr 84, Teutonic 29, Black Leaf 21, Comus r2, Bubbling Well 10, Pit-a-pat 6, Noirmont'4, Irkdale 2, Chimera 2, Sterling 1.- Total 330=\$1,650.

The GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE, value, Tls. 150; for China ponies; second pony, Tls. 50; weight for inches as per scale; winners of a Steeplechase at any previous meeting in Shanghal, 5lbs, extra; non-winners of a Steeplechase allowed 5lb.; entrance, Tis. Twice round a course selected by the Stewards. Mr. Crawford's ch. Venture, 15st. 7.b......

Mr. Crawford 1 Mr. Julius' gr., Matador, 11st, 6lb ..... Mr Ruff 2 Mr. Gilbert's gr. Lushan, Jost. 7lb.Mr. Davies 3 Mr. Middy's d. Kingcraft, 11st. 91b...Mr. Read o Mr. Crosthwalte's gr. Careless, 11st olb...... Mr. Crostbwaite o

Kingcraft made the running for the first round, closely followed by Matador, with Lushan, Venture, and Careless, next in order, Careless Mr. Coutts o having lost a good deal of ground by swerving .- Mr. Inglis o jump for the second time, Kingcraft fell, and Matador went on with a long lead of Lushan. Mr. Renny o Venture third, these three now having the race to themselves. At the last jump Matador was Mr. Middwood o still first, a length in front of Lushan, but both up just in time and won by half a length : Mr. Ruff o Lushan was a good third, and Kingcraft finished fourth. Careless threw his rider at the wall and came in with Kingcraft.

> Pari-mutuel:-Kingcraft 116, Matador 66, Venture 32, Careless 26, Lushan 8.-Total 248==\$1,240.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

. The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer Catterthum. Capt. J. W. Darke, with the Sydney mails of the 9th ulto., arrived in port this morning. The following telegrams are taken from our exchanges :-

LONDON, April 6th. It is expected that the ringleaders in the which has arisen between the United States and the Government of Italy. The leaders are confident of acquittal,

. A thousand United States troops have been dispatched to Pennsylvania in order to restrain the miners on strike from further rioting.

The election for the seat in the House of Commons for Sligo South, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. E. J. Kennedy, took place today. The result was the return of Alderman Collery, the nominee of the Justin M'Carthy party, who beat the Parnellito candidate, Mr. Valentine R. Dillon, solicitor of Dublin, by 800

A fatal explosion occurred to-day in the Apedale Colliery in Staffordshire. Ten miners The Parisian police are preventing the erection of General Booth's houses of refuge and shelter

in the city, in connection with the Salvation The census, which has just been taken in India, shows the total population to the Experiment led the way, ten lengths ahead of 285,000,000 or in increase of 25,000,000 since

> April 7th. The Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Savory, has invited the Emperor William to be the guest of the Landon Common Council on his visit to England in the summer. It is rumored that a plot has been discovered

> to assassinate Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria: and that his mother, the Princess Clementine, has joined the ranks of the Nihilists. The police at Buenos Ayres, the capital of Argentine Republic, have prohibited the members of the Salvation Army from holding meetings and assembling in the streets, as their

special form of religious worship is not recognised

It is stated that 2000 Italians are busily engaged drilling and arming in the State of Virginia in the United States. Several outrages are reported, and the Italians attempted to wreck a train and afterwards blew up a railway depot with dynamite.

President Harrison is said to be gratified at the peaceful tone adopted by Signor Rubini, the Italian Premier, with regard to the recent lynching of Italian subjects at New Orleans, The Czar of Russia is said to be incensed at the secret marriage of the Grand. Duke Michael

military rank. The police made a raid upon a "club" in the Strand, in London, and found the inmates Mr. Hart Buck o | engaged at baccarat. One hundred arrests were

It has been arranged to indict a few of the

leaders of the recent lynching affair at New At the second day's racing in connection with City and Suburban Handicap resulted as under;-

THE CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP of 20 SOVE. each, with 1000 sovs. added, for three-yearolds and upwards; the owner of the second horse to receive 50 sovs. out of the stakeabout 14 miles. Colonel North's b h Nunthorpe, ...... I

Mr. W. A. Hoare-Smith's b h Bullion,..... 2 Mr. J. Lowther's ch h Workington,..... 3 The Argentine Cabinet has suspended the payment of deposits in the National and Provincial banks until June next. The depositors have been offered the opportunity to convert the deposits into National bonds.

There is a proposition to fuse the two banks named into one State bank; April oth. The Standard declares that the Argentine Republic is bankrupt. Stocks have fallen in

Lady Zetland, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and Miss Balfour, sister of the Chief Secretary for Ireland, are making a tour through the congested districts of the west coast of

Ireland. They have everywhere been greeted with effusive marks of affection and loyalty to the Iwo hundred and fifty British diggers are

proceeding to the Astoria goldfields, in South Africa, via Port Beira. Portugal complains that this is a case of forcible landing in Portuguese

The Marquis of Lausdowns, Vicercy, and Governor-General of India, contemplates resigns

#### Co-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW. THE Company's Steamship

"FOKIEN." Captain Davis, will be despatched for above Port on FRIDAY, the 8th instant, at

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General, Managers.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1801. NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR HONOLULU. HE Company's undermentioned Steamships will leave YOKOHAMA for HONOLULU

direct, as under :-"MIKE MARU".....t5th May. "YAMASHIRO MARU"... ist June. Through Bills of Lading will be granted from Hongkong.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO, R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1891, EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR ADELAIDE, MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY, VIA SINGAPORE AND JAVA PORTS: THE Steamship

"CATTERTHUN," Captain Darke, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 12th Inst., at 4 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.,

Hongkong, 6th May, 1891.

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"LY-EE-MOON," Captain G. Heuermann, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 8th instant, at

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FOR BANGKOK. HE Steamship

"SINGAPORE," Captain G.W. Hunter, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 8th inst. For Freight or Passage, apply to CHAN SENG HONG.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1801. HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

COMPETITION for the SHORT RANGE HANDICAP CHALLENGE CUP and SPOONS, will be held on SATURDAY next, the 9th instant, commencing at 3.15 P.M. Dis tances 200 and 300 yards. Usual conditions. All shooting members are requested to attend, as the scores made on this occasion will be taken into consideration when a team is being selected to represent the Association in forthcoming matches.

A Launch will leave the P. & O. Pier at 2.45 F.M. to convey competitors. FRANK COLLINS,

Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 6th May, 1891.

NOTICE.

PUNJOM & SUNGHIE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

YN deference to the wish of a number of Shareholders, the Directors of the above Company have decided to leave open until further notice the list for the application of Preferential A. O'D. GOURDIN,

Secretary. Mongkeng, 6th May, 1891.

ST. JOHN

OF HONGKONG, No. 618, S.C.

REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 12th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 6th May, 1501.

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Hongkong, 30th April, 1801. STAG HOTEL

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#### Intimations.

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A N INTERIM BONUS of Eighteen per cent, upon Contributions for the year 1890 has been declared. WARRANTS may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after the 6th May. By the Order of the Board,

N. J. EDE.

Hongkong 25th April, 1891.

NOTICE.

#### HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1891.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER.

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At Shanghal, on the 25th April, at the British Consulate-General, and afterwards at the Union Church, by Rev. T. R. Stevenson, THOMAS EDWIN TRUI MAN to AMY ELIZA SAYLE.

BIRTHS:

At Peking, on the 19th April, the wife of CHARLES H. OLIVER, of a son. On and May, at Mount Kellett, the wife of W. K. WYLIE, of a son.

DEATH.

At Hankow, on the 21st April, WILLIAM FORDES second son of late Dr. Hugh Sharp, of Cullen, Banfishire, Scotland; aged 45 years.

# hongkong feleggaph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1891.

THE HONGKONG BANK AND THE SHARE MARKET. THE April settlements, according to reports which ought to be reliable, have been arranged in a fashion, that convenient negotiable instrument the P. N. having as customary played a rather important role in squaring matters. It is suggested that the huge army of irregular jobbers in the colony should henceforth play at marbles or skittles, either of these games being an amusing and harmless pastime, which neither requires kow-towing to Bank clerks and others of that lik clothed

having anything to do with such a shady business. History repeats itself. It has only been too clearly evident of late that Bank stock was being industriously "boomed" under official auspices and that the promoters of the movement were powerfully and influentially supported. The speculation met with some degree of success; as the rate was recklessly rushed up in the fashion so common in the local market, and but for that unfortunate Parsee failure and another reported loss of nearly a lakh owing to a flagrant case of overconfidence in what is said to have been a it." one-sided game of exchange speculation, accounts on squaring-up day.

special privileges as to overdrawing their | qualities which are sadly lacking, is not | to the Governor convincingly proves. his sleeve, and when the crisis came he local Share Market are attributed by imply disrespect;" and as the signatories, interests, and nothing better. Sir G. W. create a fictitious quotation for settlement affairs, allowed to exist that is certainly sensitiveness which was really remarkable consulting room at the City Hall. I have day. But notwithstanding the toils that neither in keeping with banking traditions in an old and experienced stager who has With respect to the latest crusade against factory. No rain since the Flood. Authorities were being woven closely around him, the nor in touch with the principles embodied been subjected to any amount of hostile the gambling-house keepers there is not in touch with the principles embodied been subjected to any amount of hostile the gambling-house keepers there is not in touch with the principles embodied been subjected to any amount of hostile Crossus of the Hongkong-Stock-Market in the special charter by which this animadversion and criticism in every much to be said that is new, save and except was quite cheerful and kept on selling institution enjoys valued privileges under colony he has governed, declined to as to the brief expression of opinion from investigate.

Still going forward, and Bank shares with such vigour and displayed the ordinances of the colony. If the accept the olive branch held out to his Excellency in respect to the Totalisator, investigating. Still no rain. Distance travelled, such an amount of confidence in the policyhe Directors attended to the business for him, and 'rode the high horse' to Governor pre Vaux is not very consistent F,000 miles. was pursuing that a scare set in, and the which they are so liberally remunerated, the last, conveniently forgetting that in some things he has not been in respect omniscient "Corner" took fright when and which would appear to be treated as his own letter to the unofficial members, to this gambling question—but he got right Arrived at Church Temperance Union Akrael." they found the stock steadily depreciating almost a sinecure of the old-fashioned considerately described by the Hon. Mr. home when he declared that the Totalisator | Should rather call it "sneak." Hoped to find in spite of all their exertions in a contrary official type, instead of evading their Ryan as "a most inconsiderate letter," could not be countenanced at any future direction. And what happened then? responsibilities when openly challenged was a very much more offensive production race-meetings, any more—in fact less than Was it not a matter of common knowledge and going out of their way to gratify than that to which he took such grave -the establishment of a pof iss shanty in the and general gossip that the would-be personal animosity and prejudice at the exception. Sir Williams des Veux must paddock, He said what we have repeatedly here, so shock the uppers off our boots and blters, who had got so severely bltten at expense of the shareholders, by making remember that the unofficial members of asserted in these columns, and he spoke passed on their own game, invoked the kind offices improper and malicious use, of their the Legislative Council are just as much just about as feelingly. Whilst expunging | Rab: 131.—Arrived at filter-beds. Fine place of a certain omnipotent and ubiquitous position to act as professional boycotters," entitled to respect and courtesy as the a clause which would have practically to encomp, in Plenty of bed, but Bank official to save them from being after meanly shunning the publicity of the Governor, or any other official; their justified at raid on any club or private holwater and to or private holy any club or private holy and the official; their justified any club or private holy and the official; their justified any club or private holy and the official; their justified any club or private holy and the official; their justified and the official is the official completely smashed up, and that the great charges of mismanagement and neglect interests in the colony's wellare and house where the limit on a quiet, game inhabitant. Got nothing out of him, as he was man did as a matter of fact adopt coercive brought against them, it would be very progress are at least equal if not superior to was anything over a dollar, he showed an dead, lim raw in writing over a dollar, he showed a dollar writing over a dollar writing ove measures and "put the screw on," and much more to their credit than the present his own; and in their exceptional position unmistakeble determination to make no their present with sear column, and insisted that the wholesale disposal of untenable attitude they have thought fit as representatives of the community, race distinctions in suppressing this all- chair suddenly dropped by all four coolies. Major

MR. KESWICK'S RECANTATION.

Ar the conclusion of his very amusing and not altogether uninteresting school-room lecture to the specially invited unofficial members of the Legislative Council on April 27th, Sir WILLIAM DES VŒUX Wound up with this pregnant and prophetic

"But it is scarcely necessary to tell you that when you feel, as you must now do, that your position is a wrong one, it shows the highest moral courage not to hold to it but to withdraw

the boom would probably have been a mackerel, has succeeded in seducing dispute, and on that matter the we are not aware that any very serious maintained until after the April settle- from his allegiance to the public interests | unofficial members carry with them | consequences have ever resulted from this ments, and a substantial haul realised; he is supposed to represent, the Hon. the undivided support and confidence, special indulgence. It is possible to have but bad news travel apace and the JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, unofficial of the entire community. Such being the foo much repressive legislation, and we Bombay heavy loss, added to other member, by nomination of the Governor, for case we hold that it was his Excellency's ore rather inclined to the opinion that the losses and other causes nearer home. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. No exception duty, no matter what his own opinions or llimit has been greatly exceeded in this brought the shares, down with a run to can be taken to the proposition laid down by convictions were, to have made local new Hongkong Gambling Ordinance. the tune of eight per cent, in one afternoon his Excellency in the words above quoted; interests his first consideration, and by -hence the weeping and wailing and long on the contrary the course he suggests for strongly representing to the Secretary faces, and unsatisfactory and missing men who have done wrong is the only of State the undisputed gross breach by honourable course available. The man who faith with regard to the extra regiment, The attitude assumed by the dictators frankly admits he is in the wrong shows the only ground on which the extra of the Hongkong Bank towards the new far more courage than he who braves out £20,000 were voted, left Lord Knutspord National Bank of China has led to much a false position And if we could by any lo fight Hongkong's hattle with the War discussion in local share circles. "War to show of reason or argument be induced Office, supported by the indignant protest the knife" is the Christian-like motto of to believe that Mr. KESWICK had been of the colony. Governor DES VOUX elected these excellent, persons, and they are legitimately convinced of the error of his to over-ride the wishes of the community carrying on a one-sided and most purpose- ways, we would be the first to applaud that and tried to force a most unpopular less warfare with distinguished success. By gentleman for so pluckily admitting his measure down their throats almost without dint of hard work the shares of the fault and facing the necessarily unpleasant discussion; the policy was a weak one, National Bank of China, which were far, consequences in true manly fashion; but and has resulted in the present unpleasant more than fully applied for, have been we regret to say, after a most careful and add unsatisfactory deadlock between forced down to 27 per cent, discount, impartial study of the whole circumstances the Head of the Executive and the and there are numerous Richmonds in of what, after all, is a most trivial difference representatives of the public, a situation the field struggling might and main to for grown-up men to quarrel about, that which is all the more to be deployed with a little brief authority, nor the strangle the promising infant at its birth; we can discover not the slightest excuse or considering that the Governor, who in manipulation of such compremising but considering the most satisfactory and extenuation for the honourable gentleman's everything but this miserable imposition documents as promissory notes. The universal support the new concern has most extraordinary, but not surprising so of the Home Government has worked in experiences of the past few months clearly received from all classes in the commercial far as we are concerned, volte-face. Mr. perfect harmony with his Council, will enough show that the spirit of reckless world both in London and throughout the Kaswick's explanation for the course leave Hongkong for good on Thursday share gambling is just as much alive and Far East, and the promising field of he has taken in deserting his unofficial next saddled with an unpopularity which rampant as ever, and has only been operations open to its enterprise, it will colleagues will be found in a letter his general policy during the past four temporarily suspended owing to dull times take more than the feeble and factious published in another part of this issue; | years has certainly not merited, and a very wide-spread and much to be opposition of a few Hongkong share- but in our opinion it falls very far short of deplored scarcity of the sinews of war. jobbers to crush it in the bud. But why a sufficient defence for the line of conduct But in certain quarters a very large amount | this spiteful opposition from the Court of | as a public representative the honorable of speculation is nevertheless understood Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai | gentleman has thought fit to pursue, A to have been indulged in by more or less Bank and their obsequious satellites and few weeks ago Mr. Kaswick was referred influential operators, especially in Bank | time-servers, to a legitimate enterprise | to in these columns as a member "who | The meeting of the Legislative Council this shares, and something very like an inspired | whose opposition they pretend can do only represented himself in the Legislative "Corner"-inspiration in matters concern- their vested interests no harm, and with Council and did that badly-a feeble man consideration of measures which, all being ing the private business of the Hongkong whose leading supporters they are of 'ifs' and 'buts', who was very much out well, will deal severe blows at two important, and Shanghai Bank has, alas, for a very apparently on the most harmonious terms? of place where the affairs of a great if dissimilar, vested interests—the shiplong time past been of only too frequent It is positively certain that had this National | community like Hongkong are vitally owners' and the gambling-house keepers'; occurrence—is rumoured to have been Bank of China not been started, the concerned." These utterances have proved The former class, through their representahopelessly "bust" owing to that unfor- great local Bank would have had truly prophetic, and the member for tives in the Chamber of Commerce, have tunate and totally unforeseen and to face, the determined rivalry of a JARDINE's has placed himself in such an long and successfully opposed the claims unprovided for Parsee fallure in Bombay. powerful German Bank in Hongkong Invidious and untenable position as regards of their European employer to have Sunday Who led the attack against the in the very near future, and even now it the community, that we can only see one rest when in port here, and after the dis- it would be no justification for deliberate phace. "bulls"? Why, of course, the local is by no means certain that opposition in alternative—immediate resignation of a couraging and Jesuitical attitude adopted leviathan of the Rialto. When the clever that direction will not be realised before position in which he no longer represents by Mr. F. Flening, then administering the indictment. Singularly enough a case almost (in their own estimation) would-be mani- many months have passed. In addition the views of his constituents. No doubt the Government, when approached by a (in their own estimation) would-be mani- many months have passed. In addition the views of his constituents. No doubt the Government, when approached by a pulators of the Hongkong Share Market to all this it is puzzling to reconcile with Mr. Kaswick will consult his own dignity deputation of officers on the subject last causing some excitement in Canton lately, and get into difficulties through their own common sense the inconsistency of the in whatever course he may deem fit to November, it was scarcely to be expected has led to some spirited despatches between anserous and asinine blundering, as a renowned Court of Directors in their war adopt, but constitutional practice and that such a complete concession could have Vicercy Li Han-chang and the British Consulcommon rule they shed bitter tears, loudly of extermination against the projected precedents are so strong in such a case as been granted as is proposed in the Bill General. That case, however, is of far too great proclaim that they have been victimised National Bank of China, while they allow this, that it is difficult to see any just or which was to-day read a first time. By importance to be dealt with in this brief report, by that irrepressible and all-conquering several distinguished members of the reasonable grounds on which he can this "Sunday Cargo-working Ordinance" speculator, and offer payment of losses Court, apparently without one word of conscientiously pretend to further represent practically the whole of the Harbor is in doubtful written promises; but when remonstrance, to actively direct and the Hongkong public in the local controlled, and, except in cases where the of this colony and the Treaty ports, and the they happen, by some wonderful stroke support various other banking oppositions legislature. And that Mr. KESWICK exceptional circumstances make it worth

THE SUNDAY LABOUR AND GAMBLING QUESTIONS.

forenoon (30th ulto.), was marked by the of luck and per favor of the "inspira- already existing in the colony. But then albeit his most puzzling inconsistency, is whilepaying \$150 for the privilege, the clank with Chinese subjects. tion" above referred to, aided by consistency, like many other esteemed essentially a man of conscience his letter of the steam-winch will be heard no more on board yessels within our waters on Sundays, generally decrepit and doubtful accounts one of the strong points of the omnium Now on the broad question of the letter on pain of a fine not exceeding \$1,000 (1stinst.) the junk, with the saltpetre and without tangible security of any sort, to gatherum majority of nondescripts who sent by the unofficial members to the have so long and consistently advocated get that astute gentleman into a corner, have done so much litely to bring the Governor on April 24th, to which his the adoption of such a measure that we have done so much litely to bring the Governor on April 24th, to which his the adoption of such a measure that we have done so much litely to bring the Governor on April 24th, to which his the adoption of such a measure that we have done so much litely to bring the Governor on April 24th, to which his the adoption of such a measure that we have done so much litely to bring the Governor on April 24th, to which his the adoption of such a measure that we have done so much litely to bring the Governor on April 24th, to which his the adoption of such a measure that we have done so much litely to bring the governor on April 24th, to which his the adoption of such a measure that we have done so much litely landed into Messre. they cheerfully annex his dollars and Directorate of the Hongkong and Shanghai Excellency has taken such grave exception shall be pardoned for a little plain-speakrejoice exceedingly. And then they call Bank into well-deserved contempt. That and which is alleged to have created all ling to both officers and owners. At the was sold to the highest bidders, the junk being him bad names, ay, even those who make these would-be autocrats; who claim to the recent personal bickering and caused conference between the deputation from their livelihood out of his patronage, absolutely control the business affairs of the existing constitutional crisis—what the Mercantile Marine Officers' Association named Kong Kee for the nominal sum of \$18. and lavishly enjoy his princely hospitality. Hongkong, and more especially in regard | does it all amount to? We have most and the Chamber of Commerce in October It is not so very long ago that a to share transactions, will be brought to carefully analysed that letter, studied it last, and at again the interview with certain colerie of adventurous wire-pullers their proper bearings is a matter of almost word by word, but have quite the Acting Governor the following month, tried to leave our old friend high and dry certainty, and that at no very far distant failed to discover anything whatever to there was a good deal too much twaddle Fo-low-mun Pass." However, as we leave that on a big gamble in Banks; they had date. The selfish, tyrannical and utterly justify the Governor's charge that it about moral slavery," yearning for liberty the Acting Harbour Master of Hongkong has everything on their side calculated to unjustifiable absolutism which a majority contained "unworthy imputations and to attend Divine service, and so on. The considered it his duty to investigate the seizure secure success—the Grand Panjandrum, the of these paid servants of the shareholders disrespect" against himself. There are, great want was for a day to recreate, for "Inspiration" of some of the other honest, have initiated and carried into effect in so far as our search and impartial analysis officers and men to lie back and forget conscientious and stable Directors, in addi- dealing with their employers, the clients can discover, no unworthy imputations about bills; of lading // for once, and to tion to all the brokers who wanted a job, and supporters of the Bank, has excited of any kind whatsoever levelled at his associate with their friends in the way some of whom, by the way, are good a feeling of wide-spread indignation and Excellency; there are undoubtedly some other men do. On the other hand the fellows, whilst others are only fit for mops general disgust; complaints are heard very plain terms made use of which Chamber of Commerce people, invested to clean the Queen's Road gutters with. from every side of uncivil and uncourteous may or may not be warranted as as they were (the phrase is Captain The "bull" movement on this particular treatment, and the names of Directors arguments on public policy, but which are Ashton's) with heatherish surroundings, occasion didn't quite come off; the versatile who hold their heads high amongst nevertheless perfectly justified as the free talked the most arrant rubbish imaginable manipulator from India's coral strand their fellows and assume a snuffling and independent views of the unofficial when they pretended that to lay the ships hasn't been sculling round Hongkong air of virtue even if they have it not, are members of the Legislative Council on up on Sunday would knock the bottom talented pirate, we are, enabled to publish a few share politics for over a quarter of a freely bandled about in connection matters in which they have a paramount out of all local trade, and reduce century without knowing something, and with transactions which are the reverse interest. Mr. Kaswick is not very far the Colony to rule, not to speak his expedition into the heart of the Dry Continent when assumed to be completely at the of creditable. Many of the financial from the mark when he says the letter of the officers in ever thinking in search of Wet. In view of the reduced rates mercy of the "bulls" he had four aces up troubles which have so demoralised the contains "certain passages which appear to of such a thing. It was a case of British quietly checkmated his adversaries and those whose judgment is entitled to respect, through the Hon. Mr. WHITEHEAD, DES VŒUX has not lost his grip of things cornered" them to some purpose. He to the one-sided methods adopted by the publicly disclaimed any intention of being so entirely as to ignore this, and he has was supposed to have "short-sold," and great local Bank in dealing with its disrespectful, the matter should have solved the question to-day in a crisp little It was on this assumption that the inspired | constituency; favoritism is stated to have | ended there. His Excellency, however, | Ordinance that the Chamber of Commerce combination went actively to work to been rampant and a general state of after displaying an amount of ultra- ought to have framed and hung up in their

Bank stock should cease ! The inspired to assume. Even the Directors of the lighting a hopeless battle against a porvading vice of gambling; and we (Notis spesition) complained that No. 4 kept bulls," worsted in a barefaced attempt Hongkong and Shanghal Bank are not dominant and would-be, dominant and treading on his During last month the Hongkong and Shanghal at cornering, the legality of which was infallible, and individually and collectively official majority, they have more than a same Council-board must have they have more than a same Council-board must have they have from disastrous consequences by a medium industriously compiling, will clearly show from the Head of the Government of the sather pronounced sentil Legent Maj n-

certain amount of regret, the ground for valuable. Totalisator, "whose owner i complaint is with the unofficial members; giving up business," for sale when this Bill and not with the Governor. And, moreover, becomes law, and the proceedings at the it ought not to be forgotten that his next meeting of that sadly degenerate bodi Excellency has never been so mealy which calls itself the Hongkong Jockey mouthed himself in dealing with other Club, and arrogates to itself more power people's defects and short-comings as to, than a Council of Ten, will be very justify his flying off at a tangent because interesting. It is perhaps unnecessary to he chose to imagine that the Majesty of Add that no new bill was required to Great Britain had been shown disrespect: exterminate the totalisator; the existing in his own sacred person, especially after law is quite sufficient to mret all requirereceiving ample assurances that nothing ments, but on our annual gala days the in the least offensive was intended. The police have discreetly been blind to all cause of all the trouble has, been sorts of gambling, in which Chinese and This very palpable bait, a sprat to catch the unfortunate Military Contributions foreigners were equally implicated, and

> ---ALLEGED-OUTRAGE BY A CHINESE CUSTOMS CRUISER

The Chinese Customs, blockade of the port of Monakong has-once more given vise to trouble and, if our information is to be relied on, serious complications are not unlikely to arise between that energetic Service and the Hongkong Govern-A short time tage-about three weeks accord-

ing to the statements of the Custom's officials-

Chi ese two-masted junk left Stanley, with

a cargo (it is alleged) of 114 bigs of saltpetre,

24 piculs of sulphur, 128 cases of kerosene off, and some tools of silver, variously estimated in vilue from \$20 to \$80. For reasons which. will be obvious later on, the destination of the junk remains for the present an open question, although we understand she was bound for Swatow: but what is claimed to have bten ascertained is that the vessel-which had conformed to all the regulations of this colony-was forcibly seized in British waters, in Shingshimoon Pass, just off Cape D'Aguilar and within a few hundred yards of the British colony of Hongkong, her crew and all on board put in ions, and the junk towed to the Chinese Customs' hulk, which is anchored at Lai-chi-kok. Subsequently, it appears, the captured crew wire taken through British waters in a Chinese cruiser to Kowloon city and there lodged in the filthy pig-sty which serves the purpose of a gool, and in which the captain of the junk is still a close prisoner—held as a hostage, it is said, until the owner of the cargo comes forward to the mandarin's vamen and admits that the craft was a smuggler and that a cargo was being "min hwhen she was seized. This artifice is a Wifife too transparent, and will scarcely induce the owner of the curgo to walk blindly into the tigei's den. Of course such an admission would be ufficient warrant, acc ir ling to their own view. for the Chinese authorities confiscating both junk and cargo and visiting the smugglers with all the pains and penalties of Chinese law; in British waters, as dithat is about the strength of ion fall fours with this one, so far as the action and it is only referred to as a fresh proof of the constant aggressive and utterly unjustified inter-

rights of foreigners in their commercial relations Shortly after the seizure the 128 cases of kerosene oil were so'd at Kowloon, and yesterday. sulphur on board, was towed over from Lai-chifinally put up and knocked down to a Chinese

The men on board the Customs cruiser deny that the junk was seized in Shingshim on Pass or in British waters, and contend that when and to report it to the Government, no doubt the time state of the case will shortly be elucidated.

IN DARKEST TYTAM,

(BY.H. M. STANLEY.)

extracts from the diary written by him during conceded we shall call, him the "intrepid

explorer " in future references.] GI AVES LEAVES FROM THE DIARY. Man: Ist, Year One -At last we are fairly on the way inland, and hope to reach Tytam or Bust. Decided not to take the route previously

laid down in official charts Official documents 

until the next flood. Didn't. Must go forward and

Jan. 1st, 1891 .- First stage of journey. water, No go-bad egg; found them busy with a petition to smother the trade of men having decent characters, on behalf of the Army and Navy. Army and Navy not in it. Could not stop

corns No. 4 retorted, calling Major a Govern-

which ought to have been for beyond I remain still a little lower than the angels, this instance, and we say it with a ments on the subject. There will be a ... Were going to many him to morney?

April 1st - Crossed the line amid great rejoicings. Car passed us on way to Peak. Several of the riotous renr column wanted to take a lift, and save our boots. Quelled the rising. Had to behead some of them, and ling-chia few. Great fun-for the survivors. .. Continued.journey. Little later found we were lost: Camped at Magazine Gap, and sent chit round to nearest resident to ask way. Boy returned with answer Don't remember. N. J. M. Innes." Dear, dear! how annoying. Continue to camp, as proper thing to do, until compradore in Victoria refuses supplies, pending reciprocal cheque received. Shall behead him on my way back. Meanwhile

May 1st.-Came to a house. Asked about wa'er. " Didn't understand us, so we'made signs. Thought we were Freemasins, and produced a goat. " Left, with a prayer on our lips." Took the good though.

May 2nd .- John Brown's body lies mouldering in the grave, hat his abut is ma-arching on, So are we. As the Grand Old Man says, we are within measurable distance of the object in view. Junitle not so denso. Victoria Peak flagstaff now well to the rear. Seen ary from Gap were fine (see my new book, now in the press), Houses to let for summer months. Some of the rents as high as the climb we have, just clamb,; some again as low as the Government,

May Srd .- At last 1 After many years 1 As we walked into the enclosure we were met hy a white-haired old hyp crite, who said "Mr. Stanley, I presume?" I tookoff my hat and replied "The same; and you are the Guv'nor?" Sezee "Stav-is that quite respectful? "Not that I conceive the presibility of it being in thing else, of course, his you know one never knows, isn't it?" He then showed me round. Pointed out where, according to tradition, there used to be water. None now. Assured me it was not leaking any more than it ought, and the holes would stop themselves up if only I would wait long enough. Look all round, and admire the colossal dam. Proper thing to do. Venerable African fells me place is haunted by ghost ollskins. Thinks it's the former Water Authority, "revisiting the pale glimpses" &c. Hold, "custom," as in N'vanboogie (see last volume of my fairy tales). Use up all my bearers, etc., in doing so-but no matter, Saved !!!

Four o'clock. Horrible darkness lowering Dark Continent not in it. I prepare for the worst, by bolsting the gold-handled umbrella I always carry for these terrible adventures (see chanter on "Privations and suffirings", in forthcoming; hook). It begins to rain! African brother off in search of reservoir, with view to bringing it out into the damp. Thus, guided by an all-nowerful Provid-(no, used that before); so by the beneficent goo-(dear me, I'm repeating myself) -anyhow, we are saved, somehow, --

MOBILISATION OF THE TROOPS

OUR £40,000 WORTH.

Yesterday afternoon and evening (1st inst.) the whole of the military forces in Hongkong were mobilised, for the purpose of a grand demonstration of the defensive force of the colony, preumably for the benefit of the latest drafts from home. All the forts were fully manned by the Royal Artillery, and the A. & S. Highlanders were also stationed at the various points. The men were in full kit for active service, and only three companies were left in town. After various exer cises, including night signalling, the defenders returned to barracks about ten p'clock, Hongkong was saved.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report of the General Manager for the year ended the grat December, 1890, for presentation to the shareholders at the ordinary general meeting of the Company, to be held at the Hongkong Dispensary, on Thursday, he 74th May., 1891 :-To the shareholders of A. S. Watson & Co.,

Gentlemen. - I beg to lay before you a statement of the Company's business, with a balance sheet for the year ending the 31st December,

The net profits of the Company for the twelve months under review, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, and including \$2,413.88 brought forward from last year, amount to \$84,347.74. We paid an interim, dividend of 7 per cent, in November last, absorbing \$35,000.00. and I now propose to pay a further dividend of ? per cent. (making 14, per cent. for the year), which will absorb \$35,000.00, and to carry \$10,007,00 to Reserve Fund to meet contingencies or for equalising dividends (in accordance with Clause 16 of Article 1114); I-aving a

balance of \$4,342.74 to be carried forward.

I estimate that the fire we experienced on the 19th May last indirectly reduced the amount of our net profits for the year by \$20,000 00; as the stocks that remained were quite inadequate to meet the demand until fresh, supplies came

The Company's accounts in London have been audited by Messrs. Edward Moore & Son, chartered accountants, and those at the Head Office by Mr. V. A. Corst Hawkins

INO. D. HUMPHREYS, aller et la region sil: Géneral Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1801,

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Tong King-sing, who has been in very poor health lately, left Shanghai for Tientsin on the 28th ulto. Bright to dr a day of my testest

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending May 3rd, are : -Europeans 192; Chinese 1,996; total 2,188.

THE siaff of the Kowloon Observatory has been increased by the arrival of Mr. John Isaac Plummer, who assumed the duties of his office as chief assistant to Mr. Doberck on May 1st.

OUR Canton correspondent writes that the son of his Excellency Liu, Governor of Kwangtung, was married on the ard inst. to a young provincial beller and that there were grand doings at the Yamen in honor of the occasion.

amend The Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance 1889-has not been disallowed by her Malesty the Octen, for which blessing we ought to be, and most of us no doubt are truly thankfuly Amend washing and its book

certainly open to doubt, were only saved as their blographies, which we are nominal claim to especial consideration trifle when his Excellency was paintfully blockbatard live blographies, which we are nominal claim to especial consideration trifle when his Excellency was paintfully blockbatard live blographies, which we are nominal claim to especial consideration trifle when his Excellency was paintfully blockbatard live blographies, which we are nominal claim to especial consideration trifle when his Excellency was paintfully blockbatard live blographies, which we are nominal claim to especial consideration trifle when his Excellency was paintfully blockbatard live blographies. Bank had notes in circulation amounting on an average to \$4,007,803 against a specie reserve Chartered Mercaettle's \$633,7 89 against \$550,000. THE British cruisers Mercury, Leander, and Severa sailed hence for Amoy on the 30th ulto.

ABOUT 7.45 p.m. on the 30th ulto, the Indo-China Co.'s steamer Fooksang collided with and sunk a two-masted ballast-laden lunk in the Cap-sul-mun Pass, on her way from Whampos hither. The seven men on board were saved by a Chinese Customs launch.

ACCORDING to a native paper the tea season at Hankow will open shortly. It is predicted that this year's crop will be of an exceptionally fine quality, as the weather has been most favourable all along. The picking of the leaf at Ningchow this year has been earlier than usual. The market will be ready for business either at the end of this Chinese month or the beginning of the next.

THE calendar of probates and administrations granted by the Supreme Court during 1800 is contained in a return tabled at the Legislative Council on the 30th ulto. It hardly shews a case of a single white man leaving over \$10,000, but lots of paltry sums. 'But the shoal of bankruptcles shewed liabilities to the amount of \$112,353 seem to flourish any more, to any extent.

THE Empress of India's malden trip across the North Pacific from Yokohama to Vancouver is the fastest thing in the way of steaming on the bosom of the Pacific Ocean that has yet been recorded. She left Yokohama at 4 p.m. on the 150 first-class passengers, and arrived record is the voyage of the Pacific Mail Company's 'Frisco liner City of Rio which did the same trip—when running a spasmodic opposition to the C. P. boats-in 12 days 14 hours, in August last.

When we were—well, in another place—the Rev. S. W. Stage wrote us from Kirkby-le-Soker Vicarage, Colchester, to let us know how old Mann, the Enoch Arden of the Carolinas, was getting on. The ancient mariner has nearly 160, which will very likely keep him as long as he needs keeping, for he told us before he left Hongkong that he was "nigh eighty." Stagg says be is very comfortable—fresher than the brother he lives with, notwithstanding his hacking-up among the Kanakas, and his years of savage existence. So you good people who subscribed to help a poor old man who was 'on the rocks'-and there wasn't a laipan among you-have not done so in vain.

On the night of the 20th uito, the Electric Light Company added fourteen new lights street illuminations; namely, four at the Cricket Ground, four at Wanchai four in the vicinity of Government House, and two on the Praya—in addition to their other lights in those districts. A trial of the new lights was made during the afternoon and when, at 6.30 p.m., the electric current was sent through the Company's circuits the new lamps shed a steady brilliant light throughout the entire night. We hear that the Company are about to fit up some of the local coast steamship companies' yessels with the new illuminant, as also some of the hotels and merchants' hongs.

IT is proposed to extend the Kaiping Railway to Shan-hai-kwan by the route of Koo-ye and Ling-si; from Shan-hai-kwan it will be still extended to Shengking, from hence onward to Kirin. During the 2nd moon, Taotal Li Shan Ching sent deputies from Tong-shan to take the proper survey. All properties along the route, which the new railroad is to take, will be bought at reasonable prices from their present owners. Notices to that cifect have already been, issued by the Railroad Company in conjunction with the local authorities. The Taotai Li left in person for an inspection of the route on the 9th of last month. More developments, says the native papers, are expected in the coming Chinese 4th moon.

AT the Legislative Council meeting on the the Registrar-General's returns "hatches" and "dispatches", for 1800 were tabled. The total number of births among the British and foreign community was 167, or 15.22 per 1000, and of deaths 188, or 17.14 per 1000. But as 40 of the 188 were non-residents—tourists or people, sent here to receive medical treatment unobtainable In coas'-ports, this ratio is considerably lowered. The Chinese new arrivals numbered 1450, 7.72 per 1000; and the departures totalled, up 4553, or 23 25 per 1000. The terrible frismus. mascentium-infantile lock-faw-was responsible for 277 and 253 deaths at the Asile de la Ste. Enfance and the Italian Convent respectively. Is it excess, or want of, Godfrey's Cordial?

of the recent Franco-Chinese war, has been know about what they predict in this connection | urged the passing of the Estimates for 1891 on ; time of purchase ... With regard to question 8 that the whole obstruction will be away by the first of next, month, thus making it deliberate decision of her Majesty's Govern- is better to lay it on the table-it is a mass of possible for deep-draft steamers to get up ment after giving the matter full considers. figures. to Canton and there discharge, instead, of tion. After myself giving the matter my best having to tranship their cargoes into boats attention by the light thrown on it in the and junks at Whampos. The recent activity of | Secretary of State's despatches and elsewhere, the Chinese authorities in this matter is, and after arriving at the conviction-which every we are fully assured, solely owing their desire to | day tends to strengthen-that the payment diminish the cost of transport of the enormous | was a right, one, however unfortunate the quantities of rice which, owing to the long- circumstances under which the demand was continued drought and failure of last year's made, it would, under ordinary circumstances, autumn crops in Kwangtung province, it is, and have been my duty to at once summon a meeting will for some months be, necessary for them to Council for the purpose of passing it, but for been a deficiency in revenue as compared with import from Yangters grain ports-Wuhu and reasons which are well-known I was not then | the actual expenditure in 1890, but the actual Chinking. There can be but little doubt that had | in a condition to hold a meeting of Council at the barrier not been the cause of the wily all, and, feeling that I ought not to leave to ordinary public works that would have been set heathen Chines losing slightly, with every others the invidious task, I ordered its immediate off against accumulative advances on premis on brother of the Great Viceroy would not have responsibility. thought of setting about the removal of the useless barriers in the year of grace 1801. Hardly,

AL'CE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Statistics for April, 1891.

n-Patients remaining in Hospital on 1st April ..... 66 In-Patients admitted to Hospital during April ..... 60 ..

Total number treated as In-Patients ,..... 126 Of these there were:

Discharged cured.......35 Discharged on other grounds...... 4 Died in Hospital

In-Patients remaining in Hospital on 1st May ...... 64 Out-Patients, return visits .........491

Total number of Out-Patients visits ,.....1099. Operations......19 Vaccinations 

JOHN C. THOMSON, M.A., M.B.,

FROM an edict in the Peking Gazette we observe that Li Shu-ch'ang, who was degraded while acting as Chinese Minister to Japan, has been re-installed in his former rank as Taotai.

THE Foochow Echo says that heavy rain has caused interruption to the picking of the new The leaf is said to be nice and succulent and to show every prospect of a fine first crop.

AND this is fame. Says an American paper :-"Siam, which is well known on account of its justly renowned Siamese Twins, will build its' date. first railroad this year." Our contemporary is probably not aware that Slam is also renowned for its " white elephants."

DURING a religious drata:at Lacag, in the North Uncos province of the Philippines, on the 21s ulto, a fire broke out in a temporary theatre in which were some eight hundred natives. Nearly fifty of them-mostly children-were either crushed, suffocated, or burnt to death.

Ar the Harbour Master's Office on the 1st Inst., before Comd. W. C. Hastings, R.N., Acting Marine Magistrate, the master of the steam proved (out of \$210,000 admitted in schedule) | laurch Wing Foo was charged with carrying 48 and \$6,154 got in assets, out of \$151,766 alleged passengers in excess of his license on the 28th to be existent. So that the Pagoda Tree wouldn't | ulto, Sergeant Niven proved the case, and the defendant was fined \$96-two shekels per man. Chang Tsung, master of the steam launch Sun Mo was similarly charged with carrying 21 passengers in excess, and was fined \$57-two per caput and \$15 for the rubber. Chan Po, master of the Po Hing steam launch, was fined \$60 for a similar offence. The latter defendant, 17th April, with a full cargo and upwards of who was carrying 30 persons in his unlicensed launch, alleged that the passengers were his Vancouver during the forenoon of the 28th idem, master's family who were going to Chek Wan f.e. in to days and a few hours. The next best, to worship at the temples. The Chinese isunches have lately done very good business, running first to Kowloon and now to the Chek Wan festival, and it evidently pays to risk these little affairs, as the fines were forked out at once,

> MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

meeting of the Legislative Council was held on April 30th. There were present: H. E. the Governor, Sir G. W. des Vœux; Mr. W. M. Deane, C.M.G., (Acting Colonia Secretary); Mr. W. Goodman (Attorney-General) Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes (Colonial Treasurer) Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart (Registrar-General) Brown (Surveyor-General); Messrs. Ryrie, T. H. Whitehead, Ho Kai, and J. 1 Keswick, (unofficial members), and Mr. A. M. Thomson, Clerk of Councils.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. 🕛

THE REPLY TO MR. WHITEHEAD. His Excellency—I had prepared for this Council a speech on the condition and prospects of the colony, but as the very urgent representations of my medical adviser reluctantly compelled me to the belief that I was not in a position to bear the strain of delivering it I sent t yesterday to the Press, and a copy of it is laid

on the table.

The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table a report on the operations of the Public Works for 1800; a despatch from the Secretary of State with reference to the Military Contribution in reply to the Memorial on behalf of the Council sent in December last; the Harbour Master's report for 1800; the returns of superior and subordinate Courts for 1890; and the returns of births and deaths in the Colony for the same

MIGHT HAVE BEEN DISRESPECTFUL.

Mr. Ryrie, pursuant to notice, asked his Excellency 4 if when he asked me at the meeting of Council on 24th March last if the protest I then laid on the table, was a respectful protest, he meant to imply that I was likely to present, or the unofficial members to concur in, a protest that was not perfectly respectful?"

His Excellency-One of the rules of this Council is that any protest must be couched in respectful terms; it was therefore impossible for me to accept it until I knew that it was in respectful terms, not that I meant to imply, by any means that it was likely to be in any but respectful terms, but I think I had every reason to believe from the hon, member's demeanour at

the time that he did not think so either. THE MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

Mr. Ryrie-My next question is :-Will the honourable the Colonial Treasurer state if the arrears of the Military Contribution for the year. 1800, payment of which was authorized by this Council on the ro'h March last, has been paid, portion of it, was paid, and if so upon what

A CATECHISM.

Mr. Whitchead, pursuant to notice, put the following questions:-I. Will the Government lay on the table report on the present state of the Tytam Reser-

voir and state (a.) the quantity of water in the Reservoir on Ist August last

(c.) the estimated flow into the Reservoir between 1st August last and now ;

(d.) the quantity, now left in the Reservoir, (e.) the cause of the difference, if any, between the quantity passed out of the Reservoir as shewn by its contents thes and now,

quantity delivered through the tunnel. 2. Is there a leak in the Tytam Reservoir making the Reservoir watertight.

is the estimated quantity of water which would be lost per diem by the leakage if there be any

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distribution works.

t. Will the Government state the original estimated cost of the Tytam Reservoir and Works connected therewith including the Service Reservoir: and the original estimated cost of the works for the distribution of the Tytam Water. 6. Does the Government Notification No. 130 of 28th March last refer to Covenants in Leases granted before the year 1883 or to breaches of. agreements for Lesses issued subsequent to that

7. Will the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer lay on the table a statement of-

(1) The particulars of the Expenditure under the head of Miscellaneous Services in the

(2) The assessed taxes refunded for void or empty houses in the years 1888, 1889, and 1890: and

(3) The assessed taxes for first quarter of 1880. of 1892, and of 1891, and the taxes refunded for wold or empty houses in each of these quarters. Will the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer

give the Council some information regarding the various items aggregating Millions of Dollars under the head of Receipts and Payments in the Statement dated 6th inst. and laid before the Council on roth idem : and further. An explanation as to the decrease in Expendi

ture against the name of the Post Master General as appears in said Statement under the heads of Establishments and Services exclusive of Establishments.

9. If the full Military Contribution of £40,000 for 1800 had been paid on or before 31st Decem-Der last would there not have been a deficiency in revenue as compared with actual Expenditure in 1800, and if so how much would have been the deficiency 10. Will the Government lay upon the table

the papers and Correspondence relating to the closing of the thoroughfare leading from Arsenal Strait Eastward at any the Praya, now blasted to carriage traffic since November last to the great inconvenience of the public, and state when there is any probability of the road being again opened to traffic. III. Has the attention of the Government been

called to the leading articles in the Daily Press of the 17th March and China Mail of the 20th instifue ferring to the unsatisfactory state of Queen's Road Central, and will the Honorable the Surveyor General state what steps are being taken to put it in proper order. 12. Have the Government issued any instruc-

tions recently for the more stringent enforcement of the Opium Ordinance 1887 and for the more frequent examination of Opium Godowns. . If such instructions have been issued has it

been done on the application a complaint of the Chinese Government or of the Officers of that 13. With reference to His Excellency The

Governor's statement in Council on 18th December, 1889, viz.: "I was given to understand last year that, in consideration of our having undertaken the work of the Gap Rock Light, the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs would undertake the Lighthouse on Wagian," will the Government state whether the Chinese Government have commenced the erection of the very necessary Lighthouse on Waglan, and i not when operations are likely to be commenced The Acting Colonial Secretary in reply to those questions calling for reports laid them on the table. "With regard to the question as to closing the thoroughfare at Arsenal Street, he continued. I am directed, to state that the road will probably be open in about a month, but his Excellency is not in a position to lay on the table further details, as it is possible that legal proceedings may eventually arise. The delay has arisen from the necessity of communicating with the executors of a deceased person, who reside in England : In answer to question 4 it has been decided, with Sir John Coode's approval, to substitute concrete block for granite footings. the object being to, add to the stability of the without some consideration. work and accelerate its completion. In answer to the next question, there is no reason to believe that the estimate will be exceeded. With respect to the inquiry as to the Tytam dam, his Excellency is informed that there is a slight percolation of the water through the dam. not more than might be expected from a dam of its beight. It is decreasing, yearly through the deposits left by the water, and will probably be stopped in a short time without involving any expenditure of money. As regards quantity of water lost by leakage Excellency is informed that none is so lost, being conveyed by the outside channels directly to the tunnel . With respect to the enquiry as to the cost of the Tytam reservoir, &c., his Excellency and if paid, on what date, or dates, it, or any is informed that the estimated cost of the reservoir and works; not including mains, was \$408,000, and the original estimated cost of the His Excellency—I will answer the question works of distribution \$200,000, With regard to GLAD tidings for shipowners and masters | myself. The equivalent to £20,000 was paid on to the question concerning the Notification as Chang Chih-tung's white elephant, otherwise my warrant into the military chest. On the 24th; to defaulting purchasers, of Crown, lands. I am the Canton river barrier, erected at the time | February a telegram was received from the instructed by his Excellency to state that the Secretary of Staterequesting immediate payment | Notification refers to people buying land and not of the money; he had then had before him the fulfilling the terms of their leases. Each case will confidently predicted by, those who should reasons against the vote of this money that were be dealt with on its merits, irrespective of the

> His Excellency—I think it will serve the whole purpose if it is laid, on the table and printed unless there is any objection. Mr. Whitehead-None:

The Acting Colonial Societary-With reference to the question rethe Military Contribution have to inform the hon; member Lat II the full contribution of £40,000 for 1800 had been paid before the arst December there would have expenditure in 1800 includes the cost of extraprospect of booking further losses, the noble payment. I did so entirely on my own land, sales. Putting this on one side there would have been no deficiency in revenue. As to the Inquiry respecting the state of the roads, the Surveyor-General states that he has inspected Oncen's Road Central, and found it in good condition considering the operations of the Water and Drainage department. As soon as the sawers and water mains are completed the road will be re-laid. If any member will kindly point out any spot to the delects of which reference has been made the Surveyor-general will do his (6.) the quantity delivered daily through the best to have them remedied. With reference to the question on the Opium? Ordinance the Superintendent of the Imports and Exports was instructed last year that it was part of his duty under that Ordinance to make surprise wisks to opium stores. The reply to the rest of the question is in the negative. As regards the query as to Waglan Light I have to state that in September last the acting Colonial Secretary including estimated flow into it, and the was directed to write to the Commissioner of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, and on the and October received a reply stating that by dam, if so what is the nature of the leak, and if | order of the Inspector-General the Engineer-inthere is leakage, what is the estimated cost of chiefand Coast Inspector had visited. Wagien with making the Reservoir waterlight.

2 view to preparing plans and specifications for tons, and of vessels under foreign flags an increase of 307 ships and 224,842 tons.

THE SUNDAY LABOUR QUESTION SETTLED.

for the distribution of the Tytam Water, and the to the pressure of other business I have not estimated further sum required to complete the had the advantage of having this measure gone through in Fxecutive Council, and by his Excelleney, and it is possible that there will be some modifications necessary. However it will be published in the Gazette, as usual, after its first reading, which I move.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded. His Excellency-I may just say, without going very much into the subject, that the ventilation which, this subject has received during the last two years has led me to the conviction that a measure restricting the loading and unloading of cargo on Sunday wi have no appreciable effect on the trade of the port. Consequently I have decided, before leave, to remedy the injustice to a deserving Statement of Receipts and Payments for class of men. I trust that I shall be able to go through the draft so that it can be published in the Gazette on Saturday.

> THE CAMBLING BILL. The Council went into Committee on this Bill. His Excellency-I wish to make quite clear my position in this matter. You are all aware that my faith in any Ordinance of this kind is not great; but not only the Secretary of State but I believe a very considerable majority-s very large portion of public feeling in the Colony is in favour of such an Ordinance. I am a least certain that it will be-I assume that it isthe only law short of licensing gambling houses, which I believe to be really the best way of restricting gambling, and the only law that I can conceive that has the least prospect of doing any good. It is a stringent law, but stringency is required to prevent it becoming a mere sham,

> While passing a law of this kind for the restriction of gambling among Chinese it would in my opinion be in the highest degree unjust if we were to permit such proceedings as totalisators at races. That in my opinion has all the objections of the licensing of gaming houses without the advantage a licensed gambling house would have in restricting a very large amount of gambling to a narrow space and certain hours. But the totalisator is, I consider, very much more injurious than ordinary betting. Ordinary betting of course cannot be suppressed, it is an impossibility, but the totalisator is infinitely worse'than betting, on account of its extreme ease. In the case of betting people often have a difficulty because they cannot get people to bet with them, and moreover when they sometimes they do not get paid. The totalisator, however, on account of its extreme case, if any gambling is to be stopped, is decidedly worse, or at least decidedly as bad, as any other form of gambling. I have known from personal experience that it caused people to gamble on it who would not think of it otherwise. And I think it would be gross injustice to have to lay this Council open to the charge of very gross partiality, to stop Chinese gambling and not to stop that; consequently ! have specially included a clause so that when

may know what it means themselves. The Bill was then considered in Committee. Subsection 4, which defined as a common gaming house "any place in which excessive stakes are ordinarily played for," was expunged by his Excellency, who said it would be impossible to include such a wide definition.

people advocate putting down gambling they

Some discussion ensued on the manner of ntroducing amendments. The Attorney General said the word "excessive? was introduced in consequence of a judge ment of Mr. Justice Field which dealt with that very point—he said that Sir Charles Russell, in arguing a case before him, said that nobody could tell what "excessive" was. The judgment (read left it to the judge to decide; what was a large sum to one man might be very small to another. The Attorney-General thought it was a matter o judgment, and might be decided here similarly

by the magistrate, and if the parties were not satisfied it could then go before the Supreme Court, and so they could ascertain what excessive" gaming was. That would no doubt be a matter of some difficulty to decide: but he I thought it only right to say it was not introduced His Excellency-I am sure no member thought that'it was introduced without consideration, but on the other hand I am of opinion that while the

whole Ordinance is carefully drafted, in some respects I see objections. One is to the excessive restriction of freedom. As far as I can read the law, anybody in a private house who chooses to play high frequently might be subject to a visit from the police, il confess that I am not without a certain sympathy with the celebrated prelate who said that he preferred an England free to an England sober. I am not without an analogous feeling with regard to gambling. But though restrictions are necessary to a certain extent I think that including private houses is pushing the matter too far, not to mention the extraordinary difficulties it would put upon the magistrates and judges to say what "excessive" is. Probably they would take extremely different views on the subject, and an irregular reading

of the law is likely to be introduced. After some further unimportant discussion the Bill passed through Committee. On the Council resuming.

Mr. Ryrie said-Some time ago I put a question about the Merchant Shipping Ordinance. It was said at the time that the Ordinance would this telegram, therefore evidently conveyed the the answer is a very long one, and I think it be amended shortly. Something like a year has now elapsed, and nothing has yet been done. would like to ask when the new Merchant Shipping Ordinance will be introduced.

This concluded the business before the Council, which adjourned sine die.

OUR SHIPPING STATISTICS

The Harbour Master's report for 1890 was presented to the Legislative Council at the meeting on the 30th ulto. In it he states :--

The Shipping Returns show a marked advancement, in the trade of the Colony, the total tonnage of Arrivals, and Sailings amounting; to 134 million tons, the highest figures yet reached, and over a million more than in the previous year. There were 32,132 arrivals, with a tonnage of 6,852,588 tons, and 31,855 departures of 6,823,705 tons, making a grand total of 63,987 vessels, and 13,676,293 tons.

The following statement shows how this amount of shipping is apportioned :-

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Junks in Toreign

Foreign

Tynds ... 45,558 2,417,321 46,686 3,572,079 5,728 154,748 35,156 1F,189,181 54,905 13,348,810 1,749 014,490

Local Trade... \$,e10 e83,170 g,084 132,473 850 49,203 Geand Total 61, 318 18,670,691 61,087 #1,676, 899 #, 199 .1,003,60# Compared with 1889, there has been a general increase of British tonnage amounting to 404.050 tons and an increase of foreign tonnage of 365,701 tons. A comparison also with the average of the last three years shows an increase in 1890 of 136 British ships representing 397,499

increase of 307 ships and 224,842 tons.

still greater with Cochin-China and Siam. There is also a considerable revival of the junk trade. With Great Britain and the Continent of Europe, the amount of trade does not differ materially from 1889, being indeed nearly stationary. There is a slight increase in arrivals

under the British flag and a decrease under foreign flags... - As shown in the foregoing tables, the junk-

trade for 1800 amounted to 3,904,552 tons being an increase over the provious year of 1,968 junks and 203,857 tons. The trade with Macao'shows a falling off from 1889, but with the exception that the foreign junk trade has increased. The chief increase in junks, however, is in the local trade (by which is to be understood the trade between places within the waters of the colony) in which Returns show that it amounts to 850 vessels and 49.103 tons: Compared also; with the average of the past three years, the junk trade of 1800 still shows an increase of 11,758 tons in the foreign trade and 44,045 tons, in the local

The subject of the interference of Chinese revenue cruisers with the junk trade of the colony was brought somewhat prominently forward during the past year, and more than one report intention which was never carried out. - In that was made from the out-stations of visits paid by year the garrison consisted of 1,000 of all ranks, these cruisers or their boats to the junk anchor- and its cost was £100,000, whereas the garrison ages on the south side of the Island; also of now present in Hongkong, according to the latest junks having been stopped and boarded. In returns, is 1,700 of all ranks, and the cost is one case from the evidence of the junk people-about one hundred and eighty thousand pounds and the officer-in-charge of the station, it would (£ 180 000). seem that the interference took place in Stanley 5. The estimated revenue of the Colony for Bay, but in others, the exact positions of the 180v is 7,057,008 dollars, or more than three vessels being subject to the conflicting evidence times the revenue of 1863. In my Despatch of of the interested parties, the question of within | 20th January, 1890, the charge of £40,000 was or outside of British Waters was not provable. estimated to amount to 17 per cent, of the During the greater, part of the year a Chinese revenue of 1888, but owing to the subsequent cruiser has been anchored off Lamma Island. | growth of the revenue and the appreciation in In September two armed junks were found. anchered in a small bay on the south side, 'just out of sight of Aberdeen; they stated that they were on the look-out for smugglers. Acting

under-my-orders-the-officer-in-charge-at-Aberdeen selred them and I had them towed round to Victoria where, after taking from them certain flags and other articles to be used for the purpose of future identification, they were released and the matter reported. I should be glad to see a regular and systematic patrol of the south coast by armed

Government vessels established. of 85 vessels daily arriving in the Waters of the colony. Of the steamers 68 per cent. were British, and of these \$4 per cent. were "Oceangoing," of the Foreigners, o per cent. were river.

. On the 31st December there were 110 steamlaunches in the Harbour, of these, 47 were licensed for the conveyance of passengers, 53 were privately owned, to were the property of the Colonial Government. There were in addition 5 launches the property of the War Depart

There has been a further falling off in the number of Chinese leaving the Colony, for ports other than those in China and Japan. 1886. 1887. 1888. 1889. 1892.

64,522 82,897 96,195 47,849 42,056 Chinese Exclusion Acts in America, Australia and the Sandwich Islands, reduced wages and inability to procure employment in the Straits Settlements, and probably the want of confidence alluded to in my last report, are the principal causes of the falling off.

Direct emigration to Dell, is now established and as well understood as to any other port, and there has been no repetition of the outbreaks which occurred on board these vessels in 1880 10.830 scamen were shipped and 11.022 discharged at the Shipping Office and on board ships during the year; the discrepancy is owing to the number of scamen shipped at the various

Consulates, of which we have no record. 314 distressed seamen, were received during he year. Of these 73 were sent to the United were in the Government Civil Hospital and 2 in the Lunatic Asylum. \$4.890.99 were excended by the Board of Trade in the relief of these men. and \$42.69 by this Colony. The Colony also shipwrecked crew of the barque Wandering

valuable services of Mr. Brewer, Marine Surveyor. and Mr. Wagner, Assistant Marine Surveyor. Mr. Brewer went home in very bad health in August, 1888, and died in England in December, 1889; and a few months later Mr. Wagner who had been performing the duties of Marine Surveyor, died in Hongkong. Previous to the arrival i from England of the Officers there appointed to fill the vacancies, the duties were performed first by Mr. Andrew Johnston, and on his leaving for England, by Mr. John W. King-Mr. Robert Dixon.

The three Lighthouses stations have been stone-laden junks sunk as an experiment and in the soft deposit at the bottom.

proving too costly were abandoned and the danger is still marked with a buoy. It was found necessary during the year to renew the moorings, accordingly two auchors and 60 fathoms of chain were purchased and the moorlegs relaid at a total cost of \$945.87.

amount of opium reported was as follows:-- 10 Txporled ...... 58,032 12/40 ..... Through cargo reported but safeti seastly species

not landed .....16,004; 20,444. Permits were issued from this office required to state the hour of removal, so that if two chests are to be removed at different bours two. Permits are now required. https://www.negroflagen

really been exported.

Your most obedient servant, Julion tos R. MURRAY RUMSEY, Ret. Com., R.N., Harbour Master, &c. Inigen

THE MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 30th ulto, the Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following despatch respecting the Military Contribution: 4 to trule with heart

Downing Street, 7th March, 1891 Six, With reference to my Despatch No. 13 | be nothing but accounts of expenses, Some of of the 13th instant, I have the henour to inform these accounts may seem somewhat high to The general trade as represented by the you that I have given careful consideration to those of you who have not been out to see the amount of shipping from and to the various the views of the Unofficial Members of the occasionable works which have been executed. 4. Will the Government lay on the table | The Attorney-General - I have to sak leave countries does not show on the whole much | Legislative Council regarding the increased who have not had the opportudity of conceiving a complete statement of the cost to date to introduce a Bill entitled ! An Ordinance to alteration though there is a general increase in Military Contribution as expressed in the memory the difficulties arising out of the first working of the Tytam Reservoir and works connected restrict the loading of cargo British bottoms most marked with regard to random which formed the 4th enclosure to Mr. contracts, always very expensive in a new therewith Including the Service Reservoir | on Sunday in certain waters of the colony | Cochin-China, Japan, The Philippines and Slam, | Fleming's Despatch No. 449 of 22nd December | Country, However, the report presented to you also a statement of the cost of the works to date for its first teading. I am sorry that ewing In the case of localing that the case of localing the case of localing that the case of localing that the case of localing that the case of localing the case of localing that the case of localing the case of localing that the case of localing the localing the case of localing the case of localing the localing

not be increased until the garrison has been brought up to its full strength.

2. In reply to this memorandum I have to point out that if the Colonial contribution covered the whole cost of the garrison, there would, in my opinion, be just grounds, for claiming a repute for deficient numbers which is generally granted under such circumstances, but as the contribution bears only a small proportion to the total cost not only of the garrison ultimately to be provided, but of that which is actually present in the Colony, no such claim. atises in this case.

its. I am unable to admit the allegation that the demand for the increased contribution; was based solely on the proposed further increase of the garrison; for in paragraph 15 of my Despatch No. 8 of 20th January, 1890, I laid down the general principle that the Colonies, so far as their means allow, should provide the whole cost of their land defence.

4. It must also not be forgotten that the strength, and the cost of the garrison, have considerably risen since the contribution of £20,000 a year was fixed in 1863, with the intention of increasing it at the end of five years, an

the value of silver, the charge now only represents about 112 per cent of revenue as against 164 per cent, when the contribution of 1863 was fixed.

"6," Under these circumstances Her Majesty's Government do not consider that any groundsexist for delaying the payment of the full contribution of £40,000. 7. I take this topportunity of informing you

with reference to paragraph 8 of Mr. Fleming's Despatch No. 82 of 1st April, 1890, that it is proposed to raise the Indian Battalion for service at Hongkong from among the Mahomedans of Upper India, and steps are being taken 3,989 steamers, 125 sailing vessels and 28,018 to organise the corps as soon as may be practic-

> I have the honour to be. Sir. Your most obedient, humble Servant,

SOCIETE FRANCAISE DES CHARBONNAGES DU TONKIN.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held on the 30th ulto. at the offices, Victoria Buildings. There were present :- Mesars. Bavier Chauffour, J. J. Keswick, H. N. Mody, (Directors); T. I. Rose, A. Shelton Hooper, J. S. Ezekiel, P. Jordan, W. H. Gaskell, J. B. Coughtrie, T. E. Davies, S. S. Binjaming S. L. Danby, S. E. Levy, R. M. Moses; Dorabjee Nowrojee, J. S. Moses and R. B. Toyce (Secretary).

Mr. Keswick, moved and Mr. Mody seconded that M. Bavier Chauffour take the chair, which was agreed to.

'The Chairman declared that there were 22 shareholders present representing 5,541 shares, entitling then to rog votes. In accordance with French law, Messre, Keswick and Mody as the largest shareholders present, were invited to act as scrutators of these figures. The meeting was then declared open.

The Chairman read the following report :-REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. This time again we could hardly present any-

thing but accounts of expenses and in fact it could scarcely be otherwise if you will consider that we are decoly engaged with the execution Kingdom, 37 elsewhere, and 102 obtained of the great works proved indispensable for the employment. On the 31st. December. 1800 to sachievement of our organisation on which depends to a great extent , the future of our company. Since the report, which we had the honour of presenting to you at our last ordinary meeting on the grit of May 1800 there works have taken paid \$542.54 for the relief at Honolula of the | a very considerable extent and if nothing comes across their regular progress they will som lead us towards the period of production so ardently . During the past year the colony has lost the idesired by all of us and expected by you with a patience which, I hasten, to say, has proved a source of strength to us. .. As a matter, of fact, vielding to the numerous requests which have been made to us we might have already proceeded with the sale of our coal, as it was being produced, but on the other hand the difficulties of communication with the port of Hongay would have prevented as from making such sales in a continuous, way, or; to a large extent and thus it was certainly proper to wait in patience and to take first of all the necessary steps in order horn. In September the Officers appointed to overcome these difficulties on the other from England arrived : Mr. George Peebles and Land, strong in the feeling of your approval we did not care to put our production on the market before being certain that it was of good quality, maintained as usual during the year. The light. | This point is now settled and the trials made vessel on Kellett's Bank was removed on let | admit of the hope that our combustible may face June, the result of an examination of the bank | s, competition with other produce. The line of showing that no silt had taken place over the conduct followed so far has therefore enabled us to concentrate all our efforts on the achievement that the junks had broken up and disappeared | of our works of installation and afterwards to arrived at the places of consumption with regular The suggested operations at the Bokhara Rock | supplies of a quality sole to give satisfaction. We shall; no doubt, not have to regret it . At the last extraordinary, meeting, of shareholders of 3rd September 1800 you have authorised the issue of dehentures to the extent of 600,000 Dollars, We have so far proceeded with two issues. Both Covered Mand the third and last The Return shows that during the year the lone will take place shortly. Thanks to these fresh resources we have been able to extend our mining works, to complete our plant and especially to ensure the means of transporting and embarking our produce. At the head of this programme we placed of course the construction of a railway which will connect the mines with the port of shipping and of a being an increase of 1,117 over last year, this is large wharf which will be able to grant access chiefly attributable to "removers" being now to steamers of a large tonnage. Having called for offers both from England and France for the supply of the whole sallway plant we have been obliged, owing to the terms for delivery, to accept A delly Memo, of Export Permits was during the offers which have been made to us from the year sent to the Kowloon Customs Office. London, after having obtained from the By this means we are able to verify that every Governor General his kind assurance that chest for which an Export Permit is issued has this special plant, and atterly necessary for baye been made by us, as well for the supply of the timber required as for the construction itself, 'All' these works are now pushed with great scrivity by our technical staff, I have much pleasure in stating it, and as soon as they will be finished we shall be able to commence shipping in a regular manner and to ensure thus, we hope, the final success of our enterprise. The Chairman then called on M. Champin to read the following to

MONTH AUDITOR'S REPORT. As was, the case last year the accounts presented to you by the Board of the Directors can

Mr. Mody it was decided to send it to the papers | which means that there should appear at the doing "shot drill" or even, if the offender be smoke from the adjoining cook-house, the smell of the Kennedy and Wanchai Gap Roads. The to what has already been said. The works are | Chinese, and the placard at the door was altered progressing favourably, and of course perhapsthey | accordingly. After a careful scrutiny of those have not gone on so quickly as you might have behind the windew the tur, key passes on, leavexpected and wished, but we have had to face ing the prisoners to their own devices until the previous to forwarding. The note paper has a the den in which your clothing is dealt with by very great difficulties in opening up our work, following morning. as is always the case in a new country. It is my duty from time to time to go to the spot and up, but each prisoner must come down to those ashamed at having to use such paper investigate what has been done, and I shall be receive his own breakfast, or what he must try refrain from corresponding. To debtors no limit and such it will remain until the regulations very pleased to reply to any questions put to the to fancy is such, from the warder, so that he is placed as to the number of letters they may relative to public laundries which were passed chair. If you would like to look at the plans of must get up before 7.30. He is supposed to receive, but when they are handed the solitary at a meeting of that mysterious body the the mines, they will be in the offices for make his own bed, and help in cleaning the sheet of paper and envelope they are warned Sanitary Board on the 14th of November Japanese cruiser Kongo, was charged with

the adoption of the report and accounts.

of the directors, retired. The lot fell to Mr. dinner-time, only then to be disturbed to get authority for this favour,

by Mr. Ezekiel was reelected. could say was that he had done his utmost to deserve it, and should continue working to the best of his ability in order to ensure the welfare | European of a practical turn of mind, he of the Company.

for publication in extense, is to the following a sufficiently well-educated Chinese follow-

effect :has shown such valuable resources that the preliminary work, installation of plant, etc., had | months—the latter being the maximum length to be on a larger scale than at first intended. of time a debtor can be detained, except for Tois accounts for the delay in achieving practical a debt exceeding \$500. The monotony soon results. During this year coal will be extracted from the Nagotna mine, and early next year the great wharf and Haton railway will be finished. his freedom, or if he can manage to move the Production will then develop freely. At the Nagotna mine the upper seams are inferior in possible despatch. There are some detained quality, but the lower promise well, as to quantity | who cannot possibly assist themselves or obtain and quality. The Nagotna mine gives a total | the aid of friends, and they must, therefore, thickness of about 30 meters of coal, and a patiently along until their term expires. length of 2,000 meters has been plerced in the There was one-man during my incarceration last seven: months, and 2.700 in all. The total I who had been sentenced to three months, impriavailable tonnage is estimated at 40 millions. At the Campha, Marguerita, and Haton mines, think, requires no comment. He was the victum less has been done, but prospects are good. The of his creditor's vengeance; that worthy, not report also gives long detailed accounts of the contented with losing the \$17, actually spent progress and future of the work, at the mines, railway and the depot at Hongay.

A DEBTOR'S EXPERIENCES IN VICTORIA GAOL.

(DY A VICTIM.)

Let me supplement your series of interesting articles on prison life in Victoria Gaol by giving you a short account of how those poor devils, whose only crime consists of being unable to pay their bills, manage to rub along. The prelude to ar arrest for debt is a very simple formality indeed the debtor is accosted in the street by a baili whose first move is to ask "Can you settle thi little account?" "No" is generally the sad "Well," retorts the bailiff, laying bis hand on the debtor's shoulder, "come along with me." If any explanation is attempted a rough push adds force to the order to "come along," To a man whose sole experience of a prison consists of having seen its walls from the outside, and who never in-his life dreamt of being ignominiously arrested in a public thoroughfare, this is a severe blow. In a few minutes he is within the precincts of H. M. Gaol and is lebefore the Punjaubi scribe. At this point the warrant of his arrest is handed him, and a copy of an affidavit is shown him to the effect that Messrs. Short & Co. have sworn that he has refused to pay his bill and that he is about to leave the Colony. In vain he protests against this affirmation, but the bailiff turns a deaf ear to all that is said, saying that that this not his business, and can only be explained to his lordship. "What he wants," he says, "Is the money, or security from someone for the debtor's appearance before the Chie Justice on such-and-such a date. If not," he continues, addressing the Punjaubi scribe already referred to, "will you take charge of this prisoner," and after a final summons to hi prisoner to try to get some friend to pay or stand security, he departs, fully conscious of having fulfilled his duty. In this office, which resembles a pawnshop more than anything else, being surrounded by bundles of clothing labelled and classed, the unfortunate debtor is searched. ' H is not allowed to have anything whatever on him with the exception of matches and tobacco. If he does not want inquisitive eyes to read the last letter from the girl he left behind him or from his parents or friends at home, he must destroy them, as he cannot be allowed to have them in bi possession whilst in prison. He is here "entered" into a register kept for that purpose. His name follows in rotation after those already incarcerated for murder, robbery, etc. -- the register knows no distinction between prisoners, with the exception that under the column registering the sentence of the delinquent (1) the word "debtor is written. He is them told to go "straight ahead and turn to the left" which he finds brings him to a landing at the end of which is an iron door or grating. This is opened to allow him to pass, accompanied by a cry of "One European " from the warder. He has then tougo down! a flight of steps, but the viewsfrom the top of the landing, if he has ever been to Paris. the bottom of the step, he perceives a small! hectsgonal tower, which the placerd hung near the doors announces as being "C, S. O. Debtors' Ward."

Europeans,,.... Indians ...... Chinese .......

This is the ground ffloor, and is reserved for the Chinese hours of feeding but certainly o Chinese or Indian prisoners. I was afterwards hours seem to be a long stretch between meals, sand, mind, tobacco-ash, saliva and every species informed that all the beds were occupied-four in and for these 'deb'ors' the same amount of number. The "furniture" consisted of a rough | maintenance money is paid as for those of the clothes during the sorting and booking wooden stool and table-nothing cise with the Europeans, and the life with the Europeans, and the life with the lif

adont the report and to approve of the accounts. cruel world, he may be aroused from his reverie | exist certain unwritten laws about talking, keep-

The Chairman-I have nothing much to add | window, two Europeans, one Indian and four other than a European, so many days at the

The Chairman briefly acknowledged the Every prisoner has a right to one book a week honour, saying that he was very thankful the to read; may smoke as much as he pleases, and. shareholders approved of his conduct. All he if he has the wherewithal to obtain the necesin a game of draughts, or if he is may profit by his incarceration by learning The report of M. Durand, which is too long. Chinese, providing that he can "chum up" with sufferer. Nearly all the Chinese prisoners are The exploitation of the Company's property | merchants, in bankruptcy, and are undergoing a term of imprisonment varying from three to six becomes unbearable, and if the unfortunate heart of some kind friend, he does so with all sonment for a debt of \$17, a fact which, I

> Government. If a man is sent to gaol for debt. the prosecuting party must maintain him during his stay in the strong house topside, and should the prosecutor bring the \$7.50 a minute after 0.30 a.m. on the first of each month, it will not be received, and the prisoner is ordered to "get" forthwith. A slight legal help is afforded to prisoners in the shape of the cardboard forms which adorn the room walls, by a perusal of which they learn that they can regain their liberty by sending in a copy to "his lordship." These forms are simply declarations setting forth that pursuant to Act so-and-so, they may obtain their release by filing an affidavit to the effect that they have no property, either in their 'own'

> or in the joint possession of others, nor have

they any in expectancy, and on another form their

personal belongings are enumerated. If the

creditor cannot prove the contrary within

a certain time stipulated by the judge, the

prisoners are released. This happens in ninety-

nine cases out of a hundred, and the debtor is

boiled in water. For the benefit of those not

initiated into the mysteries of prison jargon, it

may be useful to add that in that establish-

ment what an ordinary person would call

messes generally make a strong hearty man

feel tired, and after wrestling an hour with his

another \$22 in costs and for the maintenance of

his debtor, who, of course, is not fed by the

by his creditor. As I have stated, a debtor he is made to exercise in a cruel manner, only worthy of the tortures of the Inquisition. This exercise has to be done daily at 11.30 a.m. when "dinner" (1 ?) is served, and the mode of inflicting his torture is to make him masticate a castoff rubber sole of a lawn tennis shoe, heated, and served up in a round tin basin, at the bottom. of which is to be found melted cartgrease, the very smell of which would cause the hungriest mongrel to place his tail between his legs and fly. In gaol parlance this rubber sole is called beefsteak. Besides this delicacy he also has a dirty semi-circular tin of something which is described as stew or soup. From a rough guess, this "soup" is composed of a few pieces of vulcanite, thrown into about a handful of barley

happy if all his teeth have not come to grief a quartz crushing machine; On Sundays, a this indiscriminate mixture of clothing is a this locality.

Perhaps this particular dish was an exception, reason that at times the washermen favoured condition, and it is, therefore, urged that bylaws Hongkong on the 30th March to consider the but it was simply too swill to contemplate, with the patronage of public hospitals have be made as soon as possible under subsection report and accounts. The net profits for the and from what I gathered from one who had more than they can get through, and so send 23 of section 13 of the Health Ordinance, and year, after deducting all charges, including had previous experience, on every Sunday on a few hundred pieces to their "chums," that they be gradually but fitmly enforced. If interest paid, and our writing off all known back It is the same thing. Of breakfast and who, it may and often does happen, are also this is done, and the public washermen prefer to debts, providing for interest, accrued on the outstrikes him forcibly as resembling the bear pit tea there is little to say, with the exception in the Jardin des Plantes, in miniature, At the same thing. Of breaklast and who, it may and often does happen, are also this is done, and the public washermen prefer to debts, providing for interest, accrued on the outin the Jardin des Plantes, in miniature, At the same thing. Of breaklast and who, it may and often does happen, are also this is done, and the public washermen prefer to debts, providing for interest, accrued on the outin the Jardin des Plantes, in miniature, At the same thing. Of breaklast and who, it may and often does happen, are also this is done, and the public washermen prefer to debts, providing for interest, accrued on the outin the Jardin des Plantes, in miniature, At the base of the same thing. Of breaklast and who, it may and often does happen, are also this is done, and the public washermen prefer to debts, providing for interest, accrued on the outin the Jardin des Plantes, in miniature, At the base of the same thing. Of the same thing the base of the same thing the base of the same thing. Of the same thing the same thing the same thing the same thing the same thing. Of the same thing the and tea-well, that baffl :s' description, but it

may be safely termed a harmless mixture of boiled leaves (any kind) and twige. This is served in a dirty tin mug holding about a pint, and a teaspoonful of sugar accompanies it. These messes cost the prosecuting party 25 cents per diem. The Chinese prisoners in this Whilst be is thus examining the surroundings at ward only have two meals a day. At 7.30 they voice from the top of the bear pit sings out have a tin of rice and a mess of fish and meat. "Inside that door; topside." He follows these I They never ultered a word of complaint, but instructions and finds himself within the tower. I their looks seemed to express their indignation. It is a small hectsgonal room, and from a rough A repetition of the morning's meal is served

exception of the beds. The same furniture All prisoners detained for debt are allowed to under which two or three planks are laid for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 6,000 | written profits for the Dividend Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 1 per share, Tis. 2 per share the Dividend Tis. 2 per share the Di debtor has his quarters. He can chose his own so that in reality they are not always in captivity sleep on at night (they usually prefer the top of stated that the sum of \$25,000 was included in 4,000. The necessity of declaring a dividend to interest on Debentures, etc., and paying 7, per bed if any are unoccupied, after being asked by from an optimistic point of view. Every Saturday the trestle, though, in the summer), a foot or two the estimates of this year for public laundiles. It comply with our Articles of Association can cent, to Hall and Holtz Co-operative Company a fellow brother in luck to make himself at they must be inspected by the gaol doctor. For below the smoke begrimed ceiling a number further stated that the s

the Superintendent or Chaplain having read it There is no fixed rule for the hour of getting | side, and must form part of the letter, so that room, but if he is the possessor of a clear or that no more will be furnished until the ensuing last are, with certain necessary amendments, There being no question the Chairman moved | cigarette which he is willing to share with his | week; even to obtain this single sheet they must | put into operation—and the sooner it is done, contrary to Section's of Ordinance 2 of 1888,—The. Chinese companions, he need never move a hand, first of all ask permission to see the Superinten- the better for the credit of the Board in question | Japanese Consul, Mr. Miyakawa Kinfiro, and Mr. Keswick seconded the motion, which was or disturb himself by doing any of this work. dent, and after waiting until that autocrat has and the health of the community. The sum At 8 or 9 a warder comes in to see whether the dispatched the prisoners brought before him of \$25,000 was included in the estimates of this The Chairman announced that in accordance beds are properly made and the floor cleaned, for various offences against prison regulations, year for public laundries and yet three months with clause 17 of the Articles of Association two after which the prisoners are left in peace until a very humble air must be affected to crave his have passed over our heads with nothing

Under Article 30 the auditor, M. Champin, is served, and at 5 the door of the tower is it was the practice of the friends of certain of the height and absence of latrine proximity that retired and on the motion of Mr. Hooper seconded | closed. As I have before mentioned, prisoners | detained debtors to supply them through this, | would supply the elementary conditions to be here may do pretty well as they like. They by means of a cord, with many little dainties which Mr. Caughtrie moved a vote of thanks to have no task to perform, and are not under the prison authorities would not allow to pass in the Chairman, which was carried by acclamation. any immediate superintendence of a warder. the proper way ; but like many other things this was winked at until, so the story runs, one evening the Superintendent was sitting on the verandah above, when he heard strange sounds savies, when tired of reading be may indulge of revelry proceeding from below, and it was found on investigation that the whole of the European prisoners in the debtors' ward were in extremely high spirits and very happy, and the room smelt more like the tap-room of a 'pub' than a prison cell. On a search being made, two whisky battles were found, one empty and the other half full of the exhibarating liquor. The bottles had been parsed up from below, through the window by means of a piece of string. These were the last, however, that came in this way, for the wire netting referred to was immediately placed over the bars, and thus all can scrape together the sum necessary to obtain further smuggling was prevented in that parti-

As was once remarked in Court by Chief Justice Sir James Russell, the debtors prison greatly abused by unrelenting creditors. truer remark was never made, and the sooner the Hongkong "Fleet" is abolished the better for the good name of the colony.

CHINESE WASH-HOUSES IN HONGKONG.

A SCANDALOUS STATE OF AFFAIRS.

When our "Special Inquisitor's " expesé the disgusting condition of the Chinese bakeries in this colony was published in these columns last September it was intimated that the distinctly insanitary state of Chinese wash-houses would be dealt with in due course, with a view to throwing some light upon the cause an development of certain troublesome skin diseases l'amongst the European section of the community. Facts have now been collected and show as an one reading will perceive, a state of affairs which should receive the earnest and prompt consideration of the general public, whose health is leopardised by the utter lack of the most ordinary precautions adopted in many or almost all parts of the world in respect to an industry which, fail to have an injurious effect on the general health of the community, and at times lead to suffer from ringworm, itch, and other disgusting the rapid spread of deadly epidemics.

An inspection of several of the eighty native thus released from any further fear of trouble | wash-houses situated in the crowded central. western and eastern districts of this city of in gaol has no fixed task to perform, but Victoria, as well as of the creeks and nullahs which meet the waters of the harbour at Causeway Bay and in the neighbourhood of the now defunct Whi fi 'ld Station, on the Shau-ki-wan Road, has confirmed all the rumours and the suspicions as to the absolute necessity for the establishment of public laundries under Government supervision.

> The establishments of Chinese washermen are to be found in almost all the lanes and by-ways of the city, particularly in the central district. Some of them, where the popula- &c., &c., (e) a drying ground, tion is most dense, for instance in Tai-ping-shan, Hollywood Road and Lok Hing Lane, have but; at the present time is sixty-four. one room. Here they collect the dirty clothes (hundreds of pieces at times), sort and book them and tie up in bundles ready for transportation to | Road for their wash-houses is ten. the wash-houses at Tang Lung Chao, near

coated with a crust of dark-grey conglomerate of washing of clothing therein. of dust and filth and crushed vermin shaken out process'; common deal trestles for froning.

I have examined carefully are in conformity. It has iron bars, which are covered by a strong nate, has to rub shoulders with felous and a small three-dollar iron stove giving forth! the squatter, he proposed to give him fair with the books. While adding gentlemen that wire netting, This netting appears to not have perhaps murderers of the vilest description; for considerable heat; upon this test the fronters' compensation for the value of his buildings. the Board of Directors decline as they did last always existed, but for reasons we shall the gaol is no respecter of persons, and it is implements; in another corner a pile of firewood, ... A minute was appended by Dr. Cantlie, who the preference loan and large dividends. One year to take advantage of the chance of the give further on it was found necessary, always best for the delinquent to put his pride coke, and Calcutta soap in cakes as hard as a suggested that the steam disinfector erected near articles of association, granting them an allow. Whilst the new arrival is contemplating the in his pocket, and, as our American cousins say, brickbat and resembling a compound of coarse the Diocesan Home be either removed to near ance of fr. 50,000, I beg to propose to you to scenery and thinking of the callousness of this "keep a stiff upper lip." Here there seem to brown sugar and sand, jumbled up together in the site of the new laundries or that it be placed slatternly confusion it foot or two further on and lat the service of the public more readily than it The Chairman then stated that there was a by a sound resembling "horl ands," which is ling the place clean, etc., which, if neglected, you find yourself in what serves for a cook-house, lis at present. very long report from M. Durand, technical followed by a general rush downstairs; where may cause the offender to be brought before the where a dirty coolie who stands within two feet manager, which could be read, unless the meet- he has to place himself in a position so as to be Superintendent, who has the authority to order of a foul-smelling latrine is endeavouring to the 28th February, he states that on the recoming considered it sufficient to send it to the seen through the window by the night turnkey. his being placed on bread and water diet for a boil a pound or two of rice with the aid of half a mendation of a Committee of the Sanitary Board As he approaches the tower and is examining term of days, and if a very great breach of dozen chips of stick and a lump or two of coke; the la site for the first experimental block of public On the motion of Mr. Keswick seconded by those inside, the warder sings out "2, 1, 4," discipline has been made he may order his atmosphere (what with the heat of the stove, the the ironers and sorters) as fortid as in any White-No letter can be received or written without | chapel common lodging-house, and you have, it. may be sifely averred, a fairly accurate idea of whole lot of rules and regulations printed on one the ordinary celestial washerman. It is not a very nice place, but such it is nevertheless, such it has been for the past fifty years in this colony, done to 'ameliorate this disgraceful condition Chater and Mr. Keswick! who on the motion of their dinners. This finished, they may almost The window of the European room (or what of affairs. To sum up the city depots, it may be Mr. J. S. Moses seconded by Mr. Rose were do just as they please, considering they are in should be, only it is always occupied by Chinese) honestly, asserted that not in one, out of many prison. At 4.30 tea (or a repetition of breakfast) overlooks the Police Court, and some time back | visited, was there anything like the air, space.

> demanded in satisfactory clothes washing. And now as regards the actual system of Battery and the roads). scouring the clothes as witnessed at Tang Lung. Chao (East Point) and other places. First the clothes are put in a huge cauldron of warm water in which soap of the kind abovementioned and a dash of soda have been mixed up to the consistency of peasouptwenty, thirty, and fifty pieces at a time, according to their dimensions. In this tub they are boiled, all the time; and stirred about they are then partially wrang out and put into another tub where the water is not so thick as in the cauldron and thence on and on from one tub to another until at last they are clean (7) enough to be taken out and "ducked" in a stream, to wash the soap-suds and slush out of them. They are then wrung out and spread dry. But when the weather is hary or Jupiter Pluvius sends down showers to quench the thirst of the parched land, then comes the "iub"—the clothes hastily rolled up in all sorts of shapes are piled in recking hovels for a day or two in the hope that the weather will clear up, and failing to do so, after a lapse of thirty or forty hours " John " takes the clothes into his city depat and, after firing up his stove, hangs the "pieces" on the bamboo suspended from the ceiling! The rest needs no description, the most innocent of imbeciles surely could not fail to realise the facts. Some idea, it may be added, of the need for proper supervision may be gathered from the fact that hundreds of pieces are passed through the same water daily, and that the first, the soap-suds and soda solution, becomes towards evening as black and shiny and evil smelling as the slush raked out of the bottom of a city sewer in summer time!

Keen competition, high rents, the rise in the price of soap, soda, blue etc., etc., all tend to make the existence of Chinese washermen-at one time a No. I spidgis-a mere hand-to-mouth existence, as a careful inquiry into the status the washman will speedily demonstrate.

Without public wash-houses and public Chinese baths, for the use of which the Chinese should be charged the lowest possible fees, no diminution of the horrors of the present diseases, contracted through contact with infected clothing-can be reasonably expected and to prove to our readers that there must have been a scandalous neglect of public interests fr some direction we subjoin a copy of a draft of public laundry regulations, which were approved by the Sanitary Board on the 14th November last. and forwarded to the Government, with a recommendation that they should be carried into effect without delay :-

"That the accommodation considered most suitable for each public laundryman carrying on business in Victoria is (a) a washing room. (b) a drying room, (c) an ironing room, (d) a dwelling room, consisting of two living rooms, a kitchen,

"The number of public laundries using the being present we will proceed with the business; the expense of the Company,

Causeway Bay, where almost all the actual instance a set of wash houses consisting of ten past year, and to elect Directors and Auditor for period of 30 years, it had always been the washing of clothes, etc., done in the colony is separate establishments be erected at Wanchal, the current year. The report and audited accounts custom, to give liquors to such people as carried on! For the establishments in the city and that after some little experience of the have been in your possession for some time and trading friends in the outports; officers of valcanite is there, called mutton. These two are virtually nothing more than receiving and working of these wash-houses two other sets of may be taken as read if there are no objections, vessels doing business with the Company, who distributing depots, wherein the "pieces" are, at least double the size of this set be erected- The net profits of the year amount to Tis. generally when they come ashere look forward as above stated, "booked" prior to being sent one at the east end of the town, and the other at 11,159.78 only; a falling-off of Tls. 1,180 on to having a glass of something in the store. "soup" and " beefsteak" he is glad to ile down, out to the wash-tubs and brooks to the eastward. It is also strongly recommended the preceding year, and of about Tis. 10,000 on About a thousand customers come into the store Everything is necessarily jumbled together that in letting the first; set of wash; houses former years since 1885, inclusive. There was a every month, of whom 300 or 400 hundred are during the struggle. Sometimes this torture is indiscriminately-ladies dresses and petticoats, preference should be given to the laundrymen great reduction on the sales last year; in fact they well known, and if any of these customers ever lengthened by an occasional tin of a description gents' drawers and singlets, fever-stricken now carrying on their business above the were less than in 1885, whereas the expenses are asked for a drink he always had it. of cement which they call suct pudding. A patients garments and bed-clothing, and Chinese Kennedy Road, because they streams in which heavier than that year by Tis. 16,000, and the net A lengthened argument took place subseman must be possessed of much courage to demoiselles' pantaloons and Lyons silk stockings they now wash their clothing are being formed dare to tackle that; at any rate; in order to do | may all be found in a single tub of semi-putrid | into open masonry pullahs, and in a very short so with safety, he must have digestive organs | slush which is supposed to be (and was doubtless | time it will no longer be possible for them to | extensions for which we burdened ourselves with | the meeting was adjourned without transacting possessing about the same amount of force as at one time) soap-suds, and pure water. But carry on the washing part of their business..in., debentures have not yet worked themselves into

person not brought up amongst the lowest matter for grave consideration when the fact "The committee further recommend that it will attain in a not distant future." The Hongclass of Chinese must remain dinnerless, for it is ascertained that hundreds of pieces of should not be made compulsory for laundrymen kong Trading Co., Limited, returned to us Tis. cannot be expected that any Christian can clothing and bed linen from the hospitals of the to rent the public wash-houses, but that it should stomach the foul mess placed before him, which colony are distributed broadcast throughout the be left to themselves to rent them or not as they items at the debit side of our working account mixture, of ancient and malodorous fish and evil is perhaps much greater than those who is, however, a matter of public importance that allowance on the book debts. The first ordinary a brownish looking decoction resembling paint. "give out" the washing imagine, for the simple laundries should be kept in a proper sanitary yearly meeting of this Company was held it

ing with filth, the result of many years utter readily be done by the police prosecuting, for turning out excellent beer in considerably larger ignorance of the whitewasher's brush; the committing a nuisance, any person found pollu-(Signed) S. BROWN. more of and

for the smill diventeNe REEDE and it to a gold

" begoing a a con. G. Mirchill Innes." home. This room is much lighter than the this purpose they are marched in Indian file into of bamboo poles from which there are laundries was Crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was Crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was Crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was Crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was Crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was Crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was Crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was Crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was Crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was Crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was Crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was Crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was Crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was Crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was crown land, a portion of which there are laundries was crown lau fairly good, but limited, view of the harboar, whose only crime is that he has been unforted formale mentales of clothing | in one letter | the balance of Property Account, Marilles of clothing | in one letter | the balance of Property Account, Marilles of clothing |

. In the Surveyor-General's, latest report, dated laundries has been approved near the junction of dirty clothes, and the accumulated breath of working drawlings have been prepared, and the buildings will be commenced as soon as the site

A JAPANESE OFFICER ARRESTED

SKETCHING OUR FORTS.

At the Police Court this morning (30th ulto.) before Mr. Wise, Sub-licutenant Okuda, of the sketching Belcher's Battery yesterday afternoon. Captain Willoughby, RIE., occupied seats on the Bench.

Bombardier J. H. Stokes, R.A., said that about 3.15 p.m. yesterday, whilst in charge of Beicher's Battery, he saw the defendant sketching on the Pokfulam Road. .. He went up to him and asked him what he was doing and he said he was sketching the road and hill-side. Witness asked for the sketch, and defendant, produced it. (The sketch which was made in a pocket book, was produced, showing the magazine of Belcher's

In answer to the charge, the defendant said he has hitherto guided us in conducting this was walking along Pokiulam Road, when he business, and of course run the risk of being came across a very fine view. He was fond butvoted on any motion that may be submitted of sketching, and he set to work to draw the to you to-day, in challenging that policy; but scene when Stokes came up to him. He made the sketch in pure ignorance of the law, and had to be somewhat obstructive, in order to only done so for pleasure; had he wished to take a sly sketch of the place he would not have gone there in uniform, as he did.

. In answer to his Worship, Inspector Mackie said the defendant was released on bail in a sum of \$200.

· His Worship said he had no doubt the defendant had contravened the Ordinance, but he was also of opinion that he did so in ignorance of over the hill-side, when the weather is fine, to the land. He would remand the case till

> Mr. Miyakawa Kirjiri, the Japanese Consul. said the defendant had a witness whom he would like to call. Lieut. Marchulma, of the Japanese cruiser

> Kongo, gave evidence in support of the defendant's statement.

Bombardier Stokes, recalled, said the last witness had offered him \$1 to say nothing further about it, but he refused to take it. Lieut, Maichulma denied the allegation.

till to-morrow, allowing the defendant out on the same bail as before. At the Magistracy this morning (ratins'.), before

His Worship said he would remand the case

Mr. Wise, Okuda, sub-lieutenant on the Japanese cruiser Kongo, was called up to receive sentence in the case heard yesterday, in which he was convicted of making a sketch of Belcher's Forti He pleaded ignorance of the law.

defendant had been guilty of a breach of the law | meetings in favour of immediate reform, instead under this Ordinance, but as it was practically the of diverting your attention by complaints about first offence under the Ordinance I had the case The mere details of how much money we have adjourned for a day, in order to consider thorough | received from the Hongkong Trading Co. during ly what penalty should be imposed. The def the year, Gentlemen, it is the falling off in endant pleaded ignorance of the law, and if he i profits that needs looking into ; all other matters had been a civillan it might have been some | ere comparatively of less importance. We have excuse. But as he is a naval officer, he should gained about \$4,000 by better exchange rates If carried on in a slovenly manner, cannot washing system with its attendant evil effects know perfectly well that it is no excuse whatever, this wear, but against this advantage thay be Under these circumstances I think it my duty to put the loss entailed in carrying on the two fine him \$100.

A book was produced by the police in which defendant had other sketches; but his Worship could not consider that. Only the one sketch in question was before him.

The Japanese Consul paid the fine, at the defendant was released,

THE HALL AND HOLTZ CO-OPERA TIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.

holders in this Company was held at the Board- by the staff. He would like to ask whether this roomlast Safurday morning (agth ulto.), Mr. John | was so, and whether the Company provides the Morris, Chairman, presiding. There was a large whole of the liquor consumed, and whether that "The number of public laundries in the city attendance.

and loss account and the balance sheet, the that since he had been connected; with the The committee recommend that in the first report of the Directors and of the Auditor for the Hall and Holtz Co-operative Company, profit is less by over Tis, 14,000. We naturally enquire why this great difference? and find the R. E. Wainewright, seconded by Mr. Drummond: that state of remuneration which we hope they | Tuesday, the 5th proximo. 1.752. This was more than absorbed by the is called curry and fish! This dish is simply a wash-houses of the colony every week; and the consider most advantageous to themselves. It legal expenses, forming the Company, and an table institutions. Thus children often become carry on their business, an argent public requirestricken with diseases which at once appai ment will be fairly adequately met by private Holts, Ltd., Company, on current account, enterprise, enterprise, enterprise, amount to \$3,256.65, of which \$2,767.80 was paid as a dividend of 6 per cent, on the paid operandi adopted by the washermen at Tang of clothing in public streams is well known and up capital, and \$488.85 written off the pro-Lung Chao, Whitfield, and even as far out as requires no comment, With a view to prevent perty account. The result does not equal the Quarry Bay, it may serve a useful purpose if a the spreading of this nuisance to other, streams, anticipations formed at the beginning of the brief description of the average washerman's the committee strongly recommend that steps year. The business has been removed to more city depot is given. Picture to yourself a base- be at once taken to prevent the formation of all suitable premises than were occupied last year ment-room, 14 ft. by 8 ft., in one of the crowded fresco washing establishments in streams not and is now progressing slowly. The Empire lanes of Tai-ping-shan; the walls literally reck- stready used for such a purpose. This can Biewery's new plant is in working order and quantities than formerly. The result so far is guess not more than 20 feet in circumference, them at 4.30 p.m. I am not acquainted with fiver, once covered with fiver, once covered with stream by calabilabing tanks for the satisfactory and promises to realize the expectations formed when the improvements were planned. The balance at the credit of the profit and loss account, including the net profit for the year, is Tis. 26 499.90, which the Directors recommend should be disposed of as follows :- Hongkong Trading Company, Limited.-The

The present state of business is not sufficiently remunerative to pay both 7 per cent. interest on hundred debentures were drawn and paid off in August last, and interest is paid to the 28th February 1891. The Directors retire in accordance with the Articles of Avsociation, except Messrs. Short and Dyer, Messrs. Clifford Nölting, and Morris are eligible for re-election. Mr. Walker is absent from Shanghai. One other shareholder whose name will shortly be placed before the meeting is a candidate for a sent on the Board. Mr. Geo. Corner offers himself for re-election as Auditor. Before, asking you to adopt the report and accounts as issued we will be glad to hear your comments thereon and give any further information in our power.

Mr. Perkins asked for details of the expenses under the head of Sundries Account. The Chairman gave the figures of the different items under that head, such as house expenses, medical attendance, travellers' and legal expenses. stamps, etc., which amounted in all to Tis.

Mr. Limby asked if there was any objection to having the accounts connected with the Brewery published separately, as were the accounts of the Hongkong Trading Company.

The Chairman replied that the latter was separate concern, while the former was not The accounts of the Brewery were in the hands of the Secretary, however, and were open to the inspection of shareholders.

Mr. Clifford-Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, whatever feelings of disappointment may exist in our minds as to the accounts, it is important that shareholders should regard this year's trading as exceptional, and not conclude that the earning power of this old established business has been permanently impaired. I am' fully aware that I am treading on delicate ground in publicly criticising the old fashioned policy that I am impelled by a strong sense of duty induce my colleagues to adopt some measures of reform, knowing that agitation will eventually lead to that result; whether I remain in the Company's service or not. I do not in any way seek to disavow my joint responsibility as a manager, or shirk any blame that attaches to me in yielding largely to my senior colleagues Messrs. Short and Dyer in former year's trading, but I must take exception to this year's figures. It is unnecessary for me to explain to many here that I have had very little to do with the direction of the Shanghai Store during the past year, my attention having been given (as soon as I recovered from my serious illness in July last) to Brewery and Hongkong affairs. Gentlemen, you will no doubt have noticed in the accounts a falling off in sales of \$73,000, or \$6,000 a month, and \$12,000 less profits. How shall we account for this? Was the year so exceptionally bad, as to break all previous records in upsetting averages, or did the absence of my voice in the control affect the returns? Probably both causes interfered a little, but I am convinced that the unusual decrease may be mainly traced to my comanagers reverting to the fossilized style of trading of twenty years ago, no enterprise, no advertising, no restless activity, which is a necessity in this business, a lexity of discipline, especially in controlling the abuses of the tasting bar, which unless kept under constant restriction means a loss of nearly a half per cent. on share capital. I could have wished that our Chairman had made some reference to the opinions I have His Worship said -I found yesterday that the persistently expressed at the last three board Brewery premises, double rentals and nearly double stall, together with all the expenses of

more than the \$4,000 exchange benefit. Mr. Drummond said he would like to ask one. or two questions. He represented the interest of Mrs. Everall, one of the largest shareholders in the Company, and there were one or two points in the Chairman's answer to Mr. Perkins which struck him as rather singular. He understood him to say that of the sum of 8000 old taels under the head of Sundry Expenses there is a sum of Tis. 792,60, which appears to be the The sixth ordinary general meeting of share- cost of the liquor consumed in that department is a small cost for the liquor, and also whether The Chairman said!-Gentlemen, -A quorum | every kind of liquor is consumed by the staff at

removal, &c., which has certainly absorbed

streams above the west end of the Kennedy of this meeting, to receive and consider the profit. Mr. Short replied on behalf of the Directorate

quently, and finally, on the motion of Mr. any business till 4 o'clock in the afternoon of

The report was as follows:-

The Directors now submit to the Shareholders the audited accounts and balance sheet for the year ended 28th February, 1894.

The net profits for the year-after deducting all charges-(including interest paid and due on Debentures, etc., making ample provision for bad and doubtful debts, paying all the formation charges of the Hongkong Trading Company, Limited, and returning 5 per cent. to contributors of business) amount to \$15,287.37.

Profit and Loss Account. - The balance at the credit, including this year's net profit aforemen. tioned, amounts to Tis. 16,409.90, which the Directors recommend should be disposed of an follows :--

To declare a Dividend of Tis. 1 per

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... write off Property Account..... .. carry forward the balance of...

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Empire Brewery.—The new plant was erected during the past summer, and is now in full working order, enabling the Company to accept larger contracts than it has hitherto been possible to do. The lease of the old premises in Seward Road

expired in December last.

OUR PUBLIC WORKS.

The following report on the operations of the public works for the year 1890 was presented to the Legislative Council on the 30th ulto. :-

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, Hongkong, 28th February, 1891. PRAYA RECLAMATION.

3. There are four separate Reclamations no in progress, viz. :---

(a.) Reclamation included in Ordinance 16 of 1889 ..... 9,191 lineal feet (b.) Reclamation in front of

Wharf and Godown Co.'s Marine Lots Nos. 08 to 105. West Point...... 592 (c.) Reclamation in front o Sailors' Home '.....

Making a continuous length of 10,263 lineal feet (d.) Reclamation in front of Mr. Chater's Marine Lots Noi. 240 to 246, Kennedy Town ..... [.410 ...

Total......11,673 lineal fect.

equal to 2 1-5th miles.

3. Contracts were let in the spring for the formation of the rubble mound which forms the base of the Harbour wall for Section No. 2 and a portion of Section No. 7, and subsequently for Section No. 3. The work contracted for has an aggregate length of 3,001 feet. The work was actually begun in February last, a memorial stone to commemorate the inauguration of the new Praya having been laid by his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught on and April last. On 31st December the rubble mounds of Sections Nos. 2 and 7 were well advanced, about 206,000 cubic yards of stone having been deposited.

4. It having been decided to substitute blocks of Portland cement concrete for the granite footing courses of the Praya wall, it became necessary to order the plant required for lifting, transporting and setting these blocks. Accordingly an 8-ton travelling crane, with the necessary rails and other appliances, and a supply of cement, were requisitioned from England through the Crown Agents, and a steam tug of twenty-seven horse power, two block barges, each capable of carrying sixty-five tons, and a floating pontoon 8-ton crane have been contracted for locally with the Hongkong and Whampon' Dock Company. The steam tug and block barges are nearly completed, and it is anticipated that both the floating and land crane will be complete and ready for work in May next. As the blocks will require about a months to set prior to being placed in the work, arrangements will shortly be made to commence the fabrication of the concrete blocks; and thus provide a sufficient stock to allow the work to be pushed on rapidly. The progress made with the Reclamation in front of the Wharf and Godown Company's property has not been so great as might reasonably have been expected owing to the delay in putting in the granite footings. Now, however, that these are laid, and the work is above low-water level there is nothing to prevent this reclamation being carried on regularly and it should be completed in about nine months.

6. The same remark applies to the Reclamation in front of the Sailors' Home. Much time was lost in putting in the foundation courses but now that these are completed this reclamation which lies to the westward of that, belonging to the Wharf and Godown Company should be completed at about the same time.

The reclamation in front of Mr. Chater's marine lots Nos. 240 to 246, Kennedy Town, has progressed satisfactority, and but little remains to be done to this extensive reclamation, which will be completed early in the spring. The total area of land reclaimed, including that occupied by public wharves and roads, is about 8.55 acres.

#### II.—PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY. CENTRAL MARKET.

8. A contract for the foundations and retaining walls was entered into with Mr. Tsang Keng on 23rd May last, and the work was forthwith commenced. Fairly good progess has been made. It has been found necessary to pile the whole of the trenches on the north, or Prays ride. Up to 31st December 385 hardwood piles had been driven and there remained to drive about 200. A requisition for the columns, floor girders and beams was forwarded to the Crown Agents in June last. The detailed drawings of the superstructure are nearly completed, and tenders will shortly be called for, so that the Contractor may be in a position to commence operations early in the spring immediately after the completion of the foundations.

#### GAP ROCK LIGHTHOUSE:

Although all preparations had been previcusly made, it was only found practicable to effect a permanent landing, and establish a detachment of workmen on the Rock, on 21st March last. From that time to the present steady progress has been made. Two derricks were fixed—one on the eastern and another or the western side of the rock, which have greatly facilitated operations, and allow landing to be effected when otherwise it would be altogether impracticable. The first operations undertaken were to form convenient approaches from the landing places to the summit of the rock, and to provide suitable quarters for the workmen employed. Substantial brick coolie quarters have been erected capable of lodging 100 men, while on the upper floor there is a suitable apartment for one European foreman. A brick water tank capable of containing 5,600 gallons has been constructed closely adjoining the coolie quarters The preparation of the site for the lighthouse was then proceeded with, in which operation it was found necessary to remove by blasting about r.coo tons of hard metamorphic rock. The foundation stone of the Tower was laid by the Officer Administering the Government on 1st September last, and the erection of the Tower and Light-keepers' quarters has since progressed steadily. The basement floor which contains a permanent water tank to hol 12.000 gallons has been completed, and on 31st December the masonary had reached the level of 4 feet above the Tower platform. The number of workmen employed on the rock has varied from 50 to 95. Notwithstanding the heat and glare from the bare surface of the rock, the health of all employed has been exceptionally good, which may be in part attributed to the care taken to provide proper lodging, and to maintain them in good sanitary condition, as also to ensure a regular supply of food and fresh water. No serious interruption has occurred to the progress of the work except during the gale of 16th October last, when an exceptionally heavy sea struck the rock and recoiled on the water tank situated 68 feet above scalevel. The weight of the wave broke the cover of the tank, and admitted a certain quantity of salt water. On this news reaching me, immediate steps were taken to senddown a supply of fresh water. During the same gale a considerable quantity of dressed grapite, bricks, and sand was washed off the rock, and the derrick on its eastern face was carried away. With this exception the work has proceeded regularly, and without souldent, or greatly improved, other unusual incident. The progress- made seffects much credit on Mr. J. R. Mudle, the Executive Engineer in charge, and Mr. Donald Fraser, Foreman, who has resided continuously | maintained in good condition except in places od the rock since April lasty has be found that

TRAINING ALBANY NULLAH AND BRANCHES AND

PREPARATION OF KENNEDY ROAD SITES. to. A contract for this work was entered into on 4th October last and the work has since been pushed rapidly forward. The masonry of the Channel for the Albany Nullah is nearly completed as far as the Tramway Station, the bridge on the Kennedy Road is in progress, and the small storm channel west of the Tramway is well advanced. I am urging the Contractor to push on with this important work, with a view to its completion if possible before the rainy season

IMPROVEMENTS—RECREATION GROUND—HAPPY

ir. A contract for filling in the round pond or lake was entered into on 11th July last, and a though considerable difficulties have been encountered in obtaining the large quantity (64,000 cubic yards) of material required to fill in this pond, without interfering unduly with the old Chinese cemetery, and private property, rapid progress has been made and the work approaching completion. About 15,130 square yards of the area within the Race Course have been returfed, but it need hardly be said that the unusually protracted drought has severely tried both the old and new turf. It is proposed to push on as rapidly as possible with the diversion of the canal, and other work remaining to complete these improvements, which when carried out will very nearly double the area available for purposes of recreation;

CATTLE, SHEEP AND PIG DEPOTS AND SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

12. The are a required for the extension of the Cattle Sheds is nearly prepared, but the work has been greatly delayed owing to the refractory nature of the trap rock which it has been necessary to blast.

13. A contract for the preparation of the site of the Slaughter-house and Sheep and Pig Depôts, including extensive excavations and retaining walls, was entered into on 4th October last and the work is being pushed forward. Plans are prepared for the superstructure, and tenders will be called for so that the work may be put in hand as soon as the preparation of the site is

sufficiently advanced 14. Plans have also been prepared of a small Slaughter-house for the Kowloon Peninsula, and a site has been selected in Hung Hom Bay, east of the Rifle Range. It is proposed to commence the work forthwith, immediately a contract has been entered into.

PUBLIC LAUNDRIES.

15. On the recommendation of a Committee of the Sanitary Brard a site for the first experimental block of public, laundries has been approved near the junction of the Kennedy and Wanchai Gap Roads. The working drawings have been prepared, and the huildings will be commenced as soon as the site is cleared.

PUBLIC LATRINES.

16. Two public latrines are in course of crection in Victoria, two have been fixed at Yaumat and two are now being erected at Hung Hom.

CIVIL HOSPITAL STAFF QUARTERS.

17. A contract for this extensive block of buildings was entered into in November, 1889. and the masonry is now approaching completion. The progress made has not been altogether satisfactory, some delay having arisen in obtaining the fine dressed granite ashlar facings. I have not failed to urge the Contractor to complete these buildings as early as possible.

CIVIL MOSPITAL-COOLIE QUARTERS. . 18. The house for the accommodation of the numerous Chinese servants attached to the Hospital was contracted for in January, 1800. This building is well advanced and should be completed early in the spring.

LUNATIC ASYLUM FOR CHINESE. 19. A contract was mide for these buildings

on 25th April last. Good progress has been made, they are now roofed in and they should be completed ready for occupation early in

POLICE STATION—ABERDEEN. 20. A contract was entered into and there buildings were commenced on 28th October last. Fair progress has since been made.

POLICE STATION—QUARRY BAY.

21. A site having been selected in consultation with the Captain Superintendent, of Police on the rising ground forming the western boundary of Ouarry Bay, the working drawings were prepared, the contract let and the work was commenced on 19th November last.

DISTRICT SHOOL—SAIVINGPUN 22. A convenient site for this school house which is to serve for the western district o Victoria, having-been selected by the Inspector of Schools, a contract was entered into and the work was commenced on 17th September last. The foundations have been completed and the

walling is progressing satisfactorily, MEW WING TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE. 23. The new wing, which includes a ball room 60 feet by 40 feet, supper, card and billiard rooms and other accessories, is situated at the easiern end of Government House. The

been pushed on with much energy, and but little remains to be done to complete the work. QUARTERS FOR SUPERINTENDENT,

contract is dated 15th April last. The work has

BOTANICAL DEPARTMENT. 24. Working drawings have been prepared and tenders obtained, and it is proposed to

commence these buildings forthwith, NEW PIER-KOWLOON POINT. 25. During the early part of the year the old pler was removed and a new and improved pler

of hardwood was constructed to take its place. NEW PIER FOR POWDER MAGAZINE-STONE CUTTERS' ISLAND.

26. The old pier which was in the last stage of decay has been removed and the construction of a new timber pier of hardwood 176 feet long and roufeet wide was commenced on asth November last.

THE GREAT ST 'RM OF MAY, 1889. 27. The repairs to damage done by that storm were finally completed in August last at a cost of \$100,899; my estimate sent in shortly after the

storm occurred having amounted to \$112,783. III .-- PUBLIC WORKS RECURRENT.

REPAIRS TO GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS. 28. Besides ordinary repairs to the Government buildings generally, Government House has been thoroughly overhauled and repainted externally. The Government Offices, the Supreme Court, the Central Police Station, and the Civil Hospital have also been painted externally. " As the flat roof of the great central hall of the Victoria College leaked badly, it was found necessary to remove the lead covering and relay it. This has been done with satisfactory results. The Light-houses have been thoroughly repaired and the landings and approaches at Green Island and Cape D'Aguilar have been

REPAIRS TO ROADS.

29. The roads within the City have been I where the extensive operations of the Water and Government work.

Drainage Department have rendered it necessary to break up the surface. As almost every street in the City will in the immediate future have to be opened up twice, once for water, and once for drains, it is evident that fir some time to come the maintenance of a fairly good surface must prove a work of po small difficulty.

30. Of the district roads outside the City, the

carriage road from West Point to Aberdeen has Hongkong Island have been maintained in good | Victoria condition, with the exception of the bridle road from Aberdeen vid Stanley to Shaukiwan, and the pathway from Shaukiwan to Cape D'Aguilar. I have recently gone over the road from Aberdeen to Stanley and thence to Shaukiwan, with a view to its repair. This road, about 12 miles in length, which was ordinally well laid out, has been neglected for many years." The Police Inspector at Stanley told me that the portion from thence to Aberdeen, had not been repaired since 1874. The traffic on this road is is at present very small, but as it may be expected to increase in future. I hope to be able to arrange shortly to put it into an efficient state of repair. With regard to the track from Shaukiwan to Cape D'Aguilar, as the communication with the Lighthouse is carried on by water, and this part of the Island is almost uninhabited, any considerable outlay on this

track would, I think, under present circumstances be hardly justifiable. 31. The roads and streets in the Kowloon Peninsular have been greatly improved and are now in good repair throughout. A new road called Chater Road is being formed by heavy cutting at the back of the Tsimshatsui Police Station. The road from Yaumati and Tsimsbatsul to Hung Hom which was previously only a track across the sands, almost impracticable after heavy rain, has been formed along the shore of Hung Hom Bay for a distance of about a mile-thus bringing the thriving industria village of Hung Hom into direct communication with the western part of the Peninsula and the Kowloon ferry. No sooner was the new road sufficiently advanced for the purpose than public inrickshan, which had hitherto not existed in Kowloon, were introduced, and are now plying regularly for hire.

IV.-LAND SURVEY BRANCH.

12. Mr. Malsch having returned from leave on 14th December, 1889, was placed in charge of this branch of the Department with Mr. Prosser, as Assistant Land Surveyor.

13. There has been very little demand for land during the year owing doubtless to the reaction from the over-speculation of 1888-89. 34: During the year lease plans have been

prepared for one Marine Lot and 22 Inland Lots Victoria, 4 Rural Building Lots, 32 Inland Lots Kowloon, I Marine and 2 Inland Lots Quarry Bay t Inland Lots Aberdeen, making a total of 64 leaseplans prepared. Besides this special surveys have been made of the village of Wong-neichong for the purposes of the Land Commission and much has been done to fill in the blanks or the map of Victoria by a survey of the lots above the Robinson and Bonham Road levels.

35. The want of a complete survey of the Colony is one of our greatest needs, and it is greatly to be desired that the new survey which has been sanctioned by Government may be commenced forthwith and pushed on as rapidly as practicable.

V.—SQUATTERS.

The issue of squatters' licences devolves on the Surveyor General. During the year 2,966 licences have been issued the fees on which amount to \$9,80%. I have on various occasions called attention to the unsatisfactory state of the so-called "Squatters" question and a "Squatters Commission has been appointed to investigate titles to land and grant leases where a good claim can be established The term "Squatter" is somewhat loosely applied and is frequently used as including al the Chinese inhabitants of the villages who do not hold land under Crown lease. Now a considerable proportion of the inhabitants in the older showing that the holdings of which they are possession were held by them or their predecessors at the time of the British occupation. These people cannot therefore be called Squatters" in any true sense of the word After those entered on the Rent Roll come persons holding land under squatters! licences. The squatters' licence is nothing more or less than an annual tenancy with power of removal on a month's notice. It is in my opinion desirable that an inquiry should be made as to what exicul it is desirable to continue the system of squatters icences and whether in certain cases a more certain tenure with security for improvement might not be granted with advantage.

vi.—Inspection of Buildings. 37. The following is a list of the number of buildings for which plans have been deposited and which have been completed during the year

deposited, completed European Houses..... Chinese Houses ...... 188 Factories, Godowns, and Miscellaneous Structures 

During the year, 1,165 notices and permits have been issued through the Inspector of Build-

VIL—STAPF.

38. At the commencement of the year the water and drainage works were detached from the Surveyor General and converted into a separate department, Mr. Cooper, however continued to assist in the work of the Surveyor General's Office until the arrival of Mr. H. Tooker, Executive Engineer, in April last. W. Chatham, Executive Engineer, arrived on 22nd May, and Mr. L. Gibbs, Assistant Engineer, and Mr. C. H. Gale, Chief Draughtsman, on 10th November. These reinforcements have enabled me to commence several of the new works referred to in the earlier portion of this report, and to prepare for the early, commencement of others. I beg to record my satisfaction with the manner in which both the old and new Members of the Staff generally have performed

39. The general health of the Officials of the Department has been good until the latter part of the year when an unusual amount of sickness occurred which has somewhat retarded the operations of the Department.

40. I have deemed it desirable to have returns prepared showing the number of men employed weekly on Government works. Much difficulty was at first experienced in obtaining these returns with any degree of accuracy, as it was not the practice of the Department to keep them in the past, The numbers have gradually increased during the year until during the months of November and December they varied from 3,000 to 3,300. It would appear that latterly this Department bas been the largest employer of labour in the Colony. These returns do not include the men employed preparing stone in the quarries nor those on water and drainage works. If to these were added natives working on the fortifications under the Royal Engineers. In the Naval Yard. and for other Government departments, it would be seen that a very considerable proportion of may be very humbly estimated. the native labour of the Colony, is dependent on

VIII.-ELECTRIC LIGHT.

: Av. I may add that the Electric Light Company have during the year constructed their works at Wanchal and to Arc Lamps each of 2.000 candle power have been installed in the central portion of the City. They were first lighted on 1st December and will shortly be supplemented by 25 additional lamps, making a total of 75, which will suffice to light the main been metalled throughout. All the roads on streets in the central and eastern portion of

I have the honour to be, Sir. Your most obedient servant, S. BROWN. Surveyor-General.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

MR. KESWICK WITHDRAWS.

The Hon. J. J. Keswick has requested us to publish the following letter, which speaks for

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1891. SIR,-I have the honour to convey to your Excellency my respectful request that you will be good enough to expunge my name from the letter addressed to you by the unofficial members of Council on the 24th plimo, with the frank admission and expression of my regret that it contains certain passages which appear to imply disrespect, though they were certainly not so intended by me. It is conceivable that in the commit oneself to the substance of a letter wi out sufficient consideration of the terms used !

I may be permitted to add that had the letter been in respectful terms, I am quite sure, from my knowledge of your Excellency, that it would

have met with the respectful consideration due. With regard to the payment of the increased salaries. I recognize that an initial error was made by myself in the amendment on the motion in Council, which, with more time for reflection would have emitted, proposing instead that the question should be postponed until the consideration of the next estimates; for I take for granted that the payment this year of the increased salaries that may be sanctioned by the Secretary of State will not preclude their reconsideration in future.

The increased salaries this year have, however been voted, and on maturer consideration I think it fair, right, and expedient that they should be paid, although I still maintain as strongly as ever that were the Secretary of State to sanction to any large extent the proposed increase it would be inexpedient to continue to do so

Having thus expressed my views on the salaries question I do not feel that it is necessary for me to substitute any letter for the one from which I have withdrawn.

The immediate prespect of the cossation of your Excellency's official relations with the colony, which I, in common. I believe, with the whole community most sincerely regret, will, I feel sure convince your Excellency that I have no other motive in the course I now take than that of repairing to the best of my ability an unintentional wrong.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant, J. J. KESWICK. To his Excellency Sir G. William Des Vœux, K.C.M.G.

THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS EXPLAIN. : As compared with the foregoing the appended letter, signed by the rest of the Unofficial Members, is especially interesting:—

Hongkong, May 4th, 1801. SIR,—With reference to our letter dated the 24th April, and to your Excellency's comments | thereon, we begato express our most sincers regret that anything which it contains should have caused you any pain or annoyance. •We regret further that you should have interpreted certain passages as disrespectful and as calculated to cast any imputations.

Permit us to carnestly assure you that our letter was not so intended, and with every respect due to your Excellency we are still of the opinion that the inferences drawn by you. are scarcely deducible from our language, and we submit that our letter should not bear the interpretation put upon it by your Excellency

There was nothing further from our thoughts than to be in any way disrespectful or in the least degree discourteous, and we now, individually and collectively, emphatically disclaim and absolutely disavow any such intention. Our sole object was to protect the interests of the ratepayers, of Hongkong,

Your Excellency having taken exception to several of our expressions we beg to ask you to consider them in the sense you have read them, as being withdrawn from our letter.

We have the honor to be. Sir. Your Excellency's most obedient humble servants. (Signed) P. RYRIE. HO KAL

T. H. WHITEHEAD. His Excellency the Governor, Sir G. W. Des Vœux, K.C.M.G.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE GOVERNOR.

The following letter has been forwarded by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for publication :-Hongkong, May 1st, 1891.

SIR.-With reference to his Excellency the Governor's written speech, published in the local papers of yesterday, in which his Excellency is

"But as regards the alleged surplus revenue from lights, it seems to be forgotten that besides lighthouses there are other costly services; such as the Harbour Master's establishment, harbour launches, harbour police and the Observatory, involving an aggregate expenditure of some \$80,000 per annum, which are maintained for the benefit of shipping, and which are princi-

reported as follows-

of the colony "---I am directed by my Committee to call attention to the following figures, which are taken from the Government Gazette of the 11th April last, The disbursements specified by his Excellency appear there to be as follows:-

pally maintained out of the ordinary taxation

Harbour Master ......\$50,766.67 Observatory ...... 15,000.94 \$65,767.61

The Observatory expenditure shows an increase of \$7,216.05 on the previous year, over to per cent., and though classed by his Excellency as maintained for the benefit of shipping, may fairly be charged to the inhabitants of the colony. as regards some portion; while so far, the benefits derived by shipping from this establishment

The difference between his Excellency's Lestimate of some \$30,000 and the above smoting

perhaps arises from the "harbour launches" expenditure, if it is not included in the harbour establishment, not being specifically stated in alteration. Some of these changes are the Gazette, and the harbour police, which doubtless is merged in the general police expenditure of the Colony. If you will kindly refer to the revenues derived by the Harbour Master's department, taken from the same Gazette, the following will be found :---

Emigration brokers ......\$ 1.400.00 Registry of bonts ..... of cargo boats ......... 6,272.50 Cargo boat certificates ...... Shipping seamen ..... Examination of masters ..... Survey of steamers ...... Registry fees ' ...... Medical fees for emigrants Licenses for steam launches..... Survey certificates for launches ..... Licenses for Chinese passenger ships Bills of health .....

\$75,234.1 From this it appears to my Committee that the expenditure mentioned by his Excellency is

taxation of the Colony." In instituting these comparative figures, some further items of expenditure, such as the salary of the Government Health Officer, say \$2,000 per annum, are applicable to these receipts, and may, be added to his Excellency's total, of

not "principally maintained; out of the ordinary

Still, sufficient remains to show that shipping judging from these selected items, is selfment is used in other wave for the general purposes of the Colony, outside of shipping: while if the Light Dues and their unkeen be added to the totals on their respective; aldes: the account, say expenditure \$5.272.38, receipts \$31,878 46, taking for the latter item the twelve. months of 1880 which embrace the normal collection before the increase sanctioned last year, shipping not only fully disburses the cost of all special services incurred for its purposes, but contributes a very handsome fund to the general revenue of the Colony.

I am to add that my Committee think no time: should be lost in correcting what appears to them to be misleading statements, if the figures here quoted represent all items of public receipts and expenditure connected with the shipping of the Colony, otherwise a very false impression may be generally formed of the matter if allowed to go forth as it is, uncontradicted.

I have the honour to be, Sir.

Your most obedient servant, (Sd.) F. HENDERSON. . Secretary.

MR. DEANE ON THE OFFICIAL SALARIES, Mr. W. M. Deane, Captain Superintendent of

Police, at present acting as Colonial Secretary,

writes on the above subject to his Excellency

the Governor as follows :-Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, and May, 1801 Sir.—As there appears to exist a considerable amount of misaparchension as to the increases proposed to be made to the salaries of civiliser vants, I append a table which was drawn up on the completion of the Estimates for this year.

The so-called increase of 35 per cent, is arrived at in this manner. ...

The salaries of the principal officer and senior clerks were fixed in sterling by Ordinance No. I'the bubbling fountain, and the water, unable to 13 of 1860. By a proclamation dating as far back as 1845

fixed at 4s' 2d. (Incidentally I may mention it once occupied are still to be seen, bridges (all I that during all this period the market value of [ in ruins) by which it was crossed, and the posts the dollar was generally 4s, 6d, and over.) Now taking as an example a salary in the

above list fixed at £800, this at 4s, 2d, is equal to \$3.840. At the time that the recommendsmade the value of the dollar, was about 31. Id. £800 at 3s. 1d. is equal to \$5,180. Thirty-five! per cent, on \$3.847 is \$1,344rd The two added together amount to \$5 a year less than the sterling pay at the rate of exchange of the day. It is also to be observed that several mod!

fications and restrictions have been made, the result of which is that few officers obtain the full value of the proposed increment. A difference based probably on the expense of passages to and from England is made between officers who come from there, and officers in the service who are of local habitation—the latter only receive 20 per cent, increase, and have to pay 4 per cent, to a Widows and Orphans Fund. Another important element is that the increase

is based on salaries as they existed in 1875and any increases since then have to be taken into account to reduce the final balance. In conclusion, what the Civil Service practically obtains is what has been granted to the sister services, Navy, Army and Consular, viz.

arbitrary rate of 4/2. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant.

that their salaries shall be paid at approximate

rate of exchange for the day, instead of at the

W. M. DEANE. Acting, Colonial Secretary. The Governor disposes of the above by the

Colonial Secretary .-- I have no time to verify all the facts adduced; but at the same time ! is clear to me that this letter contains matter deserving of the consideration of the community and I therefore authorise its publication."

following minute :— at the specialistics:

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX His Excellency is quite right; Mr. Deane's letter and detailed statistics contain matter deserving the very serious consideration of the community, and on close and careful juvestigs tion will throw a great deal; of light on what we cannot but regard-we are now alluding to the recent ridiculous and unwarranted increase.in official salaries as one of the most, mor and bare-faced jobs, that even this Colony, has ever known. After carefully going, through Mr. Deano's figures, we shall have something pertinent to say not only on the subject of official salaries, but also regarding certain highly paid offices which are either mere sinecures mor incumbrances to effective government, has high

WESTERN SHANTUNG.

It is a matter of frequent observation with travelle s in China, that its ancient cities are variation. disappointing. As a rule there is the greatest in The taxes of the regions most severely flooded situation of some place of historical interest is have been altogether remitted for a year. In ascertained, all that presents itself to the curious other places, the autumn tax was remitted, but gaze of the investigator is a mound of earth, and not the spring tax, which is always paid in money, a mosaic of broken tiles and bits of beick.

There is a strange propensity on the part of the Chinese to move their cities about, sometimes to the contract of the contract great distances, so that it is often only the name | 2 Printed and Published by ROBERT FRASER. which is continuous. Occasionally the record of SMITH, No. 6. Pedder's Hill. in the city of this fact is preserved in the addition of the word. Victoria, Mangrone, Mangrone

old or new to the name of some cities, but note infrequently there is no warning of the no doubt due to a laudable impulse to exchange inconvenient situation for a better one. Some are to be credited to geomancy, in Oriental countries always a powerful factor in political affairs; and still others are due to superstition, such as leads to the demolition of a city wall and its transplantation when several cases of parricide bave occurred within it.

Of some of the preceding remarks, Kan-tang

Chow, in this province, is an interesting example. This is a very ancient place, which is marked on Mr. Oxenham's Historical Atlas as in existence during the time of the Spring and Autumn Annals, representing China from 731 to 510 B.C. A city which was perhaps built before Rome was founded, nught to have some claims on the Occidental traveller, although he is not a professional antiquarian. But he is met at the outset by the same difficulty which everywhere confronts him in China, that there is no one can fell him what he wants to know. and no books from which to gain information. It is true that every walled city is theoretically the subject of a volume of Historical Records (called a Chih) but these are generally difficult to procure, and often wholly out of print. The political disturbances of the past half century have been so many and so serious, that in many fristances city records have not only not been revised, but the originals have been lost in the Taiping rebellion. This seems to be the case in Kao tang, for although such a volume is accessible by pulling the proper wires, the blocks from which it was printed are said to have perished in the terrible ruin which overtook the city at its capture a little more midst of personal affairs one may happen to supporting. For the Harbour Master's depart. than thirty years ago. The rebels had just devastated Linchling, and there was ample warning of their impending arrival, so that 'all the population deserted the city, at the advice (or command) of the district magistrate, who felt himself to be "between the devil and the deep sea." If he abandoned the city which he was set to govern, he was undone; if he remained, be was a dead man, Realising the hopelessness of the dilemma, he behaved with the dignity of "a Confucianist" bred in the teaching of the Classics, which teach that "The scholar, trained for public duty," seeing threatening danger, is prepared to sacrifice his life." Alone of all the inhabitants of the city, the magistrate remained in the city, the gates of which were left wide open! He seated himself in the public hall dressed in his robes of office, until the rebels actually entered the courts of the 'yamen, when he threw biniself into a well in the back part of the premises, and was drowned.

The Talpings occupied the city thus easily gained, for many months, and destroyed almost every ancient landmark in and about the walls. One of these was a hill called Chi Ming Shan, or the Mountain of the Crowing Cock. Each morning before any of the gallinaceous fowls had given warning of the coming of the day, a golden cock within this mound uttered the first sound of this nature and as soon as this signal was given every other cock hastened to follow. Of this famous place, nothing remains but a neap of rubbish.

Another landmark was an ancient pagoda, which had a legendary connection with the fate o of the city to but of which anothing remains but the base. One of the most singular tales told in connection with this city is of the former existence of a large fountain, which burst from an underground spring, and which is said to have resembled the one in the south-west suburb of the capital of the province. But at some time which tradition will not fix, this spring was absolutely snuffed out, in exactly the same manner as a candle is put out by an extinguisher. According to uniform tradition; a huge kettle was placed over make its escape, retreated into the carth, and was inever more seen in In testimony of the the rate at which sterling was to be paid was I existence of such a stream, large chandels which between which the flood made its way into the city, and out again, the wall, as is usual in such cases, having no north gate.

What motive could have led to this supposed tion for the general increase of salaries was | efficement of a benutiful flowing stream of pure water, ho one is at the trouble to suggest. But I all are agreed in the statement, that within the past three or four years, a district magistrate who occupied the yamen spent several hundred tacls in the effort to discover the site of the former spring, which he wished to bring back again." Every one save that the motives of this official were of the best. He had no possible object but the good of the city. ... He employed a large army of men digging for a long time but he totally falled. And why? Because the people, who could have told him where to dig. would not; but on the contrary purprisely misled him. And why did they do that ? Because they were a fraid that if they should dig in the right place, and bring the water back, the result would be to flood some of their land, and spoll the wheatcrop for the next year. So the effort failed, and the money was wasted, and an excellent rehearsal of the future history of "Reform" in China was enacted by the Kao-t'ang people, without their being aware of it.

The streets of this ancient city are sunk far below the level of the surrounding country, like those in the vicinity of Peking and other Chinese places, of former, colebrity. The traveller can hardly fail to be impressed with the thought of the mighty past, of which such a place has been the witness. When his historical reverence has attained its most extreme, point, he is more or less pained to be told by a venerable man in official life; (who, evidently, knows, what he is saying) that this is not after all the true "ancient Kao-tang? for that lies sixty it to the totte ward, and has nothing whatever to mark it bu slight sidge of earth I

The grain tax in our region has been collected

at, last, after the magistrate has spent three times as long at the market-town on the river as usual 1) The reason for the long delay was the high price of millet, and the unwillingness of the people whose crops have failed, to pay out in buying grain so much money as they must do at present rates. Alt is customary to collect\_nine or ten thousand piculs in grain which is to be delivered at the granary, on thousivereviewhen athers requisition whas wheen met, another, sotification is issued requiring the remainder to be paid for in money hat the district city. Many local constables were severely beaten, because the people were all holding off, waiting for others to pay in grain, that they themselves might take advantage of the option of paying in money. The reason for the difference in cost is the fact that owing to false measurements, each bushel as delivered really amounts to a bushel and a third, This is accomplished by heaping up the grain, till no more can be piled on the measure. In the cash payments at the yamen, the rate, strange to say, is a fixed one, from which there is said to be no

BIRTH.

At No. 8, Whangpoo Road, Shanghai, on 1st May, the wife of Captain W. G. BUCHANAN, of

At Shanghal, on the 28th April, REGINALD DIGBY STARKEY, nged 48.

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HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1891.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE French squadron, comprising the Trions phants. Inconstant, and Vipere, left the harbour yesterday morning for Amoy,

We note the arrival, on a tour round the world via Australia, of Mr. Charles Longfellow, the only son of that most graceful of poets,

WE read in a Java paper that a first violinist fom the Batavia stail band has been engaged by the Stanley Opera Troupe. The "Awfuls" ought to do wonders now.

MR. C. V. Creagh, Governor of British North Borneo, and Mrs. Creagh had arranged to leave Singapore for a trip to England by the Ocean Co.'s steamer Hector on the 3rd inst. AT the Ngan-son mine, Tourane, on the 24th

ulto., a box of dynamite exploded, wounding an engineer named Rivoire and an overseer named Boutix so grievously that they died the same day.

TWENTY-TWO steamers, with an aggregate registered tonninge of 24,7 to, were entered at the Harbour Office on the 4th inst., of which fourteen. representing two-thirds of the total tonnage, were

CHOLERA has made its appearance at Batavia, and at Tanjong Prick, the new harbour of Batavia, much fever prevails, especially on board vessels in port. From Sourabaya, offate there have been heavy exports of sugar to Hongkong, according to a Java correspondent, and two steamers have been laid on between there two ports for the purpose of furthering the

A MEETING of the Justices of the Peace was held at the Magistracy yesterday morning to consider the application of Mr. Robert Isherwood for a paying its own way as all churches ought to do spirit license for the Mount Austin Hotel. There were present-Mr. A. G. Wise (chairman) Mr. R. C. Wilcox, and Mr. W. B. M. Arthur, clerk. Mr. Wotton of Messrs. Wotton and Deacon. represented the applicant. The chairman asked if there were any objections. Mr. Wilcox said he had none, and the application was granted."

Our exchanges from Tonquin bring further news of the increasing activity among the rebels, or pirates, as they are variously called. The smaller bands have been mainly broken up, but the larger ones are growing daily, and, being well-armed with repeating rifles as a rule probably by the Chinese Government, who favor their cause, are assuming a threatening attitude. Only the opportunity is wanting for the ex-King Ham-Nghl's flag to be again raised, and for Tonquin to again become the scene of general warfare-and in the meantime most of the French soldiers have been sent home

the past in Java and the neighbouring islands, to the gate of the settlement. A numerous body despite the efforts of the Government to root out of friends, consisting of nearly all the leading the evil. In Lombok, for instance, the chiefs and saud influential men, followed the coffin, and all men of influence set store by the possession of the merchant shipping in the Harbour and the slaves. They are imported from Islands lying flagstaffs of various firms had their flags at halffurther to the East, and include Papuans who, mast. The bearers of the coffin were Messes however, do not live long owing to home sick. Prince, Smith, Greaves, Martin and others, and ness. Sometimes, the people of Lombok the ceremony was performed by the American themselves are sold into slavery when they Mission. The coffin was draped with the Union happen to fall under the displeasure of their Rajah. In Java itself, disguised slave dealing is carried on, especially in coolie recruiting for

THE Bangkok Times hears that H. R. H. the Crown Prince of Slam will shortly enter the Mr. Wong Shing, Mr. J. Ede, and the Hon. Ho priesthood; in conformity with the Buddhist religion, and remain there some six months. During this period H. R. H. will devote his life to working towards the Nirvana, the sole end and aim of Buddhism. As our readers are aware, lay rank is, left at the door of the monastery and even the identity of the monk! is suppressed. They are professed mendicants and ascetics; all priestly classes are pure, the tone is good, and great punctiliousness is insisted on by the people. As the great object of entering the presthood is the inculcation of religious precepts, the custom is worthy of all praise. But it's only temporary.

THE Netherlands India Government puts its foot down wherever possible on exclusive dealing by Chinese. A case in point is reported from Pontianak on the West Coast of Borneo, where a number of Chinamen had banded themselves into an Association for which they sought official recognition. The Articles of Association set forth that the society aimed at discussing commercial matters, the encouragement of trade, and the furtherance of social relations. The Resident of the province found on searching inquiry that the Association really simed at forming a union of Chinese traders, who should bind themselves to buy produce from the people of the country, only at prices fixed by the Society. The Governor-General consequently refused; permission for the establishment of the association. The refusal, will not daunt the Chinese and they will try some other way of gaining, their ends. They, have, isays the Batavia Nieuwsblad, their fixed market, prices, naturally to the disadvantages of buyers No Government action can counteract that

WE hear that large numbers of Chinese traders, stevedores not excepted-clerks employed in native shipping firms, to say nothing of several coolie guilds, the members of which are employed in the loading and discharging of vessels in this port, have already held a meeting with a view to determining the form which a permanent memorial to perpetuate the memory of the "Sunday Rest Governor" should take, Some are in favour of building a pagoda, others desire to add a new wing to the Tung-wa Hospital, while others have declared themselves in favour of preparing an elaborate gilt scroll, richly ornsmented, enclosed in a silver case. Of course the Chinese memorial will not be ready prior to the Governor's departure, but we understand steps will be taken to forward it-should the latter be finally decided-upon to his Excellency through the Adminstrator. From this it will be manifest that the opposition to the cessation of unnecessary Sunday labour has beither emanated from nor been supported by the Chinese, who will, of course, appreciate a day of

seet from as much as foreigness.

THE Stamese Government invite tenders in the oplum for one year, or 135 chests per month,

THE new Deli Race Club it appears, has modelled itself, after the rules of the Penang Turi Club, It does not intend to have races for first-class horses, and sets its face against European jockeys riding. Members will pay a subscription but no entrance fees.

IT is notified in the Gazette that Mr. T. Sercombe Smith. assistant registrar-general, has been granted eight and a half months' leave of absence on half salary, in addition to three and a half months' vacation leave, commencing from May 1st. Mr. A. B. Brewin will act as assistant registrar-general during Mr. Smith's absence.

heir to the Russian throne, his Majesty the King has been offered the Order of St. Andrew by the Czir, according to the Bangkok Times. His Majesty will be invested with this most distinguished Russian order by the newlyappointed Russian Ambassador to China, who is shortly expected in Bangkok, en route to take up his new post.

ABOUT five inches of rain are stated to have fallen during the welcome showers on the afternoon of the 3rd inst, whilst the q antity registered during the thunderstorm that occurred in the night was even greater. The storm-water pipes were severely tried, and in a good many places found. wanting, the roadway at various points being torn up by the weight of water. A few slight landslips are reported.

SAYS the N. C. Daily News of April 28th :-"We understand that the Deutsch-Aslatische Bank has succeeded in effecting a loan for ten years of some £50,000 to the Tartar General at Foochow, interest at 62 per cent, and principal repayable in gold. The loan is secured by Haikuan bonds and an Imperial edict, and is not only a provincial affair. It is needless to say that the Bank found no difficulty in getting it promptly taken up at home, and that it was not put on the open market."

MESSRS, E. J. ACKROYD, Mitchell-Innes, S. Brown and C. Ford have been nominated Government trustees, and Mr. F. Cooper auditor, of St. John's Cathedral for the year 1891-92. Messrs. Edwin Mackintosh and J. J. Keswick have been elected trustees and Mr. J. H. Cox auditor for the seat-holders. It is to be hoped that by this time next year the old Church will be running under independent management, and quite free from State supervision and control

THE Nieuwsblad learns that a German firm Batavia has applied for one of the islands on the coast for the purpose of preparing copra. They will work in combination with a Hamburg firm and a capital of 500,000 guilders will be invested in the business. If this concession is granted, application will be made for other islands on the west coast of Sumatra. German colonization steadily increases, and in the near future threatens to become as serious a danger in British, French and Dutch colonies, and in Chinese treaty ports, as the flooding of California and the Australasian colonies by nomadic Chinese.

THE Hankow correspondent of our Shanghai morning contemporary writes on April 23rd: -The funeral of Mr. W. F. Sharp, who died on Monday, the 20th, took place at 's p.m. on Wednesday. The coffin was borne on a guncarriage drawn by men from H.M.S. Rattler and SLAVE trading has not yet become a thing of rescorted by a detachment of Municipal police Jack and had a quantity of wreaths on the top.

> AT the Sanitary Board meeting on the 4th inst. there were present the Hon S. Brown (President) the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, the Col. Surgeon, the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, Kai. The Veterinary Surgeon's report for the 1st quarter, 1891, the mortality returns for the weeks ended 18th and 25th April, two petitions for accommodation in the proposed Government laundries, and the Sanitary Superintendent's report for April were considered. It was decided to recommend a site for the Vaccine. Institute on Kennedy Road, near Albany Nullah. Some discussion took place on the subject of hawkers competing with market stall holders and obstructing streets, and police action is the matter. Nothing more was done but the board only talked for an hours. On the Board adjourning, a Committee meeting was

THE Hongkong Rifle Association competition on Saturday last was for the "Faki" Cop. presented by Dr. I. W. Noble. This prize, which has been competed f monthly since . 880, was on this occasion won outright by L. C. D. McClennan with a score of 57; less 7 points penalized. leaving a net score of 45. Sergt, W. Robertson .K.P. made 44 and Mr. E. Robinson 42. There were to competitors. The conditions of the shoot were. 7 shots standing at 200 yards and shots kneeling or sitting at 300 yards. The win-'nes of the cup to be penalized 5 points for the first win and an additional z points for the second win. Three wins required to take the cup outright. At the conclusion, of the shooting cheers were given for the donor of the cup, who The following gentlemen have won the cup twipe s-Messrs. Carlyle, McNeb, Ladd, Robin- advance. son. Watson & Collins. The following have won the cup once :- Messrs. Braidwood, Woodin, Merson, Geo. Carson and Martin,

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Singapore papers for the supply of 1,500 ches's | be sold by auction at Singapore on the 23rd ulto,, but we e withdrawn at the last moment. Raub prospects are reported to be "looking up."

> A POOR unfortunate who after being banished. returns to see his friends, is not so hardly dealwith here as his fellow-countrymen in the Straits S'ttlements. On the 4th inst. a Chinaman, who had only been banished a few weeks ago, returned to the scene of his former jays, and Mr. Wise sent him into exile for twelve months. Had he done the same in the Straits he would never get out of gaol again-except feet first. Hurrah for Queen Victoria and her faithful animal !

Times states that on April 23rd they, "repeated-As an outcome of the late visit to Slam of the L'Elisir d' Amore in the Town Hall to a small but appreciative audience, consisting chiefly of Sir Frederick and Lady Dickson and their party." Our contemporary further remarks that "the inhoseitable treatment which the company has received is a slur on our music-loving community." We fear that Sing pere and Hongkong are very much, on a level, as regards appreciation of high-class music. "The Stanley Awfuls " hit the popular taste exactly in both

> AT a special meeting of the British Mercantile Marine Officers' Association held last night (1st. inst.) considerable satisfaction was expressed relative to the settlement of the vexed question of unnecessary Sunday labour in the harbour, as evidenced by the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to restrict the loading and discharging of vessels in certain waters of the colony on Sundays"at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 30th ult, and the Governor's remarks on that occasion. It was unanimously resolved to convene a mass meeting of British masters and officers next week, and to appoint a deputation to wait upon the President (Capt. S. Ashton) when he returns to Hongkong in the course of a few days.

Says the Straits Times of April 27th :- "The definite news of the expected vacancy in the Governo ship of Hongkong, which we publish to-day, is now seven days old in Hongkong and it is just about that time since became sumoured in Singapore that Sir Cecil Clementi Smith would go to Hongkong as Governor. We are able to say, authoritatively, that that rumour is absolutely without truth, without any foundation. Sir Cecil desires and expects to serve out the term of his appointment in the Straits. Perhaps Sir Frederick Napier Broome, recently Governor of Western Australia, may go to Hongkong; or, at allevents he will probably be provided for in any shuffle of appointments that may be made."

ANOTHER fatal shooting case occurred this morning (5th inst.) through the reckless use of firearms. About 8.30 n.m., whilst the boys attending .St. Joseph's College were assembling in the schoolground, two scholars named T. McBean, aged 12, and H. Lebnry, aged 13 years, were playing with a salcon rifle belonging to a boy named Ping, Lebury, who was pointing the rifle at a bird, was startled to see the weapon go off, the bullet entering McBean's breast. The latter at once fell dead. The body was taken to the Government mortuary, where a post-mortem examination was made this afternoon, the inquest being fixed for to-morrow afternoon. The deceased was the son of the late J. McBean, for many years bailiff and interpreter at the Supreme This morning at the Police Court before Mr. Wise. Lebury was formally charged with causing the death of McBean, and the case was remanded till Thursday, bail being accepted in the sum of \$50.

RICE from Yangtsze grain ports-Wuhu and Chinkiang-still continues to pour into Canton, It is imported chiefly by the Chinese authorities who, with a degree of forethought bitherto unknown in the annals of Kwangtung, desire to check the operations of a powerful "ring" of grain merchants, bent upon forcing the price of the staple of life up to fabulous prices upon the prejext (based upon facts, it is true) that, last year's autumn crops having failed, the stocks are so low as to render it impossible to sell at reasonable rates until it is known how this year's spring crop, now growing, will turn out. The Government, it is said with a view to all viating the terrible pending distress, have fairly taken the bull by the horns, and are inperting rice, of the medium and lower grades, in vast quantities. During the past forinight upwards of 200,000 piculs of rice have been imported at Canton, of which fully three-fourths were on Government account. Prices, owing to the wise policy adopted by the Canton authorities. are now be only moderately high, may \$2'45 per picul for "firsts"; \$2.75 for " secord: "; \$2.18 for "commons," and \$1 90 for "inferiors." There is, of course, every prospect of a continuance of the drought now prevailing, and if that misfortune should come about then the enring crops will be ruised, and grain, despite the vast stores of the Government, will run up thirty or forty per cent by the middle of the ensuing month. Even as prices now stand the grain merchants, of this city and Canton, as also their conferes in Swatow. Amoy'and Foochow (where: last year's drought ruined the autumn crops), are doing a rattling business, and are not backward in predicting that the result of this year's business will be better than for years past. The import of rice from Siam has fallen off a good deal during the past three weeks, while the supplies from the Yangtaze continue as plentiful as ever-last year's harvests having been more bountiful than has been known for the past decade at least. The demand for grain from the north of, China is very strong, and it has resulted of late in a aligh happened to be present ; and for the winner. stiffening of the market quotation at both Wuhu

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION. (Before Sir James Russell, Chief Justice.)

May 4th. "

A TRADE-MARK CASE. Mr. Francis, Q.C., (instructed by Mr. sented here by their agents. Messrs, Stolterioht was an experiment carried on general tradition and Hirst. Defendants carried on general tradition in business here. The present application was an experiment of the defendant company be for strained by the Court from importing making strained by the fact of Cargo shall not include mails of the least restriction. Densurages would for

TEN thousand Raub shares were announced to by C. J. Hirst, patther in the plaintiff film stating that Messrs. Brooke had used a goat's head as their trade mark, which was registered here and in England. Every reel of cotton, every box, and every packing case manufactured or used by them bore this goat's head; and he had been informed by a salesman that defendants were imitating this mark, and had seen their cotton packed, marked, labelled, and got up in every way so as to resemble it. They used a stag's herd but it sufficiently resembled a goat. Plaintiffs' cotton was some us cents per gross dearer than defendants'. Since March last the sales of

plaintiffs' cotton had fallen off very considerably . Samples of both kirds of cotton were put in, | vent the proper carrying out of the traffic as at and the various points discussed. His Lordship THE Ida Poli Rest Concert Company have had said that substantially the only difference was in a very poor season in Singapore. The Straits | the colour of labels. Counsel said that in England it would not count as, a distinction, but might here—instead of being a direct infringement, it was a close imitation. The defendants were not the same people as in a previous case, but there was reason to believe that it was the same minufacturer, sending to different ngents. He siked for an order in the same terms as in that

Order made accordingly. .

COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council, was seld yesterday morning. There were present H. E. the Governor, Sir G. W. des Vœux; Mr. W. Goodman (Attorney-General) Mr. N. Mitchell-Innes (Colonial Treasurer) . Mr. J Stewart-Lockhart (Registrat-General); Mr. S Brown (Surveyor-General); Messrs. Ho Kai and J. J. Keswick, (unofficial members), and Mr. A. M. Thomson, Clerk of Councils.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE. agenda, by Mr. Ryrie. As he is not present interested in the subject, will put it in his place? The Clerk-Mr. Ryrie and Mr. Whitehead both sent letters excusing their attendance.

His Excellency—It is only the question about the Merchant Shipping Ordinance—it is probably interesting to you as well as to Mr. Ryrie: perhaps you would have no objection to putting

Mr. Keswick-In the absence of the hongentleman I shall be happy to ask-Will the Government state definitely when the new Merchant Shipping Ordinance will be introduced ?

The Attorney-General-In reply I am directed to state that the Governor is unable definitely state when it will be introduced, but the subject, I may add, has not been lost sight of -indeed before the question, was asked by the hon, member I went through the Bill with the Harbour-Master, and it was sent to the printers, but has not yet been completed. THE SUNDAY LABOUR QUESTION.

second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to restrict the Loading and Unloading of Cargo on Sunday in the waters of the Colony." I should like to say a few words on the Bill before it gees into Committee. The subject is one in which I took some interest, and I have read the papers I read the minutes of the International Conference held at Paris in September 1889, and also that interesting history of the Sunday Labor question in Hongkong which was iprinted by direction of Capt. Ashton, President of the Mercantile Marine Officers' Association. Besides that the replies to some louestions put by the Earl of Meath, in the House of Lords. I have felt some difficulty in the matter, and had come to the conclusion that, in my opinion, something, might be done, when I received, what I did not anticipate at the time, instructions from his Excellency to draft a Bill on the subject and submit it to him. This Bill, in its present form, is, the draft as passed by him, but it is possible there may be improvements made in the wording-"cargo" may be made to exclude ice and perishable articles of food which might be injured if not; landed on a Sunday. Apart from that the Bill appears to me to have the sympathy of all members. This question has apparently passed through three stages-ist, That of a great grievance unredressed—that is to say neglected. and, Public sympathy, due to the manly attitude of the Press on the subject; n taking up the cause of these men, and so causing some alteration in public opinion on the matter. The answer of the Chamber of Commerce may be taken, I hope, as the end of the period, when there was some sympathy expressed but nothing done. The question is whether a little help is not, worth a good deal of pity. It has been reserved to his Excellency to give that help, and I trust, with the assistance of the Council, that this Bill may give relief to those officers on ships flying the Billish flag who are compelled to work cargo on Sundays. The Colonial Treasurer seconded. Mr. Keswick-I desire to say, with reference o this Bill, that I think a certain injustice is

ikely to be done to the mail-steamers. I would nstance in particular those of the P. and . Ca., for example, which, being subsidised is pledged to schedule times in the matter of syrivals, "and "sometimes. I also believe in there departures for certain ports. If the ill is passed as it now stands the very possible effect in imany instances will be that # P. and O. steamer arrives on Sunday morn ng, and is due in Shanghal, we will suppose, tgo on the day of atrival, it is conceivable that she may be very heavily fined in the amount prescribed in such cases by the Government, for not arriving at her destination in time, That, of course. I believe will not be contemplated by the Government in Introducing this Billthere is no desire that there should be any bardship, but that there should be a relief to a very large class of officers, With regard to other mail steamers—the French, German, or any other-of course I am not aware that they are obliged in the service out here to arrive by Clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were passed without a certain day, or otherwise to pay an indomnity, comment. but still such may be the case, and I think the Stokes) made an application ex parte Stol- question of these foreign mail steamers sequires, with regard to this clause he was willing to give terioht and Hirst, agents for J. Brooke to be very carefully considered before this Bill is what would be quite sufficient time, and had said, that the exceptional circumstances and Brothers, for an injunction against made applicable to trem. I don't think there is only put the date (July 1) tentatively. He was that he had mentioned would in a number of the China Import and Export Co. Ltd. anything further on this particular point that I willing to give sufficient time to warn everybody, cases overvide the general principle that a sarges ! He stated that the plaintiffs, Messra, Brooke, can say with regard to the amendment of the Bill, that they might understand when this Ordinance ateamer pught to pay more, he had recognised we was regulated by sented here by their agents, Messra. Stolterioht to the schedule. Then the amount proposed as tentatively, but had no objection to extending it tonnage, was it not?

on a Sunday, and consequently working on the day, should not be greater than the importance of a large steamer leaving for Shanghai or elsewhere. Another point I would mention-an important point, if small-is that yesterday I had a visit from the manager of the Ice Company who pointed out that he was often obliged to send ice on board at the last moment, where the vessel was not necessarily working carge, and it also happened that at times this was not for the ship's use, but for coast ports. Ther again, as to the Canton river boats, I would point out that it is very important indeed that there should be no restriction whatever to prepresent existing.

His Excellency-I have followed the honmember's speech with great interest, and I am glad to say there is not one of the points he has mentioned that I have not already considered. With regard to mail steamers, I have shought carefully on the matter, and though I am quite open to hear arguments on the subject it appears to me, that, if we exclude from the term "cirgo," mails and passengers'-luggage we are conceding all that those steamer are justly entitled to. If they choose to compete with other steamers in the matter of cargo then thirk if they want to load cargo on Sundays they should be put in the same position as the others. Under their contract they are perfectly at liberty to take in and put out their mails and passengers, luggage, if they choose, but if they desire to compete with other steamers in the matter of cargo then surely, in the absence of some fact that does not occur to me now, they should be put in exactly the same position as other steamers, instead of being allowed the unfair advantage of loading cargo when the others are forbidden. With regard to the foreign mail steamers, of course if the English mail boats are put in that position they should in justice be put in the same category; of course it would be impossible to put" the Ordinance in force against them here until we knew clearly the terms of the new Convention with France, and, possibly, Germany, 'It wil' His Excellency-There is a question on the be observed that whilst it is impossible the present to nut the Ordinance perhaps you, Mr. K-swick, as being very likely in force against the captains and consignees of vessels, we shall, at the same time, introduce a clause which will punish people who put cargo

on board. There is one chief object in that :

where there is a difficulty such as might be raised by an international complication in the way of punishing a steamer itself, at all events we can punish people for putting cargo on board, and in that case, of course, the officers would have no work to do. I don't imagine there can be really any objection supposing all steamers are put in that position. the most any can desire will be the principle of them in the best position of any other, country, Convention are made known it will not waiting for her, but might have to get to The Attorney-General-I beg to move the schedule (of coarse the sums are only ten ative, able to give to it, that that would be right and prior to their approval by the Council) is to down the smallest sum which will have a practical effect in putting an end to carge-working on a Sunday. There is not the least desire to raise revenue from it, and if it is possible that a smaller sum will really have the same practical effect I am not averse to considering whether it should not be inserted. With the assistance of the Attorney-General and Harbor Master that lentative scale has been put down, subject, of course, to consideration here. But the Ordinance altogether would be rendered perfectly useless unless that schedule contained prices which were effective for the purposes of the Ordinances. Upon that schedule depends the whole Ordinance! but inasmuch as experience may teach the necessity of altering it the power to do so has been lodged, by the Ordinance, in the Governor-in-Council, With regard to the other matters to which the hon, member has drawn attention I may say they have been considered by me, and the Attorney-General has my instructions to move an amendment in which ice and perishable articles shall be excepted from the terms of the Ordin ince. That will not only cover ice but all perishable goods coming by river steamers. Of course there may be further improvements, but my desire is that, having shortly after my return to the colony and after all that had occurred in the interim, having seen my way to idoing a needed act of justice, and having given my promise to a gentleman largely concemed in this matter that I would do my best before my departure, I felt bound, so long as the objections are not insuperable, to perform that promise to the utmost, and not go away without doing that act of justice which the case appears to demand. I Am sorry to say that the unfortunate necessity which is compelling me to leave the colony so long before libad any intention of doing 'so has made the final consideration of this Ordinance appear somewhat hurried one, but as a matter of fact t has not been by any means hurried, to the sense that might be supposed. This subject as you all know, has been before the Government for a long time, and the principle on which this Ordinance is based had my conditional consent. given to the gentleman I mentioned; three months ago. a I think it is possible that experience may shew the necessity of amendment, but I also the following Thursday, and cannot work think it would be a graceful act on the part of this Council now it has become clear that not very serious harm will be done to anyone by opposition of the Chamber of Commerced to complete or perfect as it might be. The Bill then passed its second reading, and the Council went into Committee.

the Hill; and in view of the really very lukewarm" give their pointon distinctly in favor of the principle embodied in this Ordinance, by passing it, even although it may not be altogether so.

Clause : 9 (date) .- His Excellency said that

perishable nature or required, for immediate, consumption,"

His Excellency suggested to leave out "or" after "nature."

Mr. Keswick suggested that " live stock" be. also added to the exceptions. Frequently horses, ponies, pigs, cattle etc, arrived on Sundays and it would be only right that they should be discharged without delay, as they might suffer injury if kept all day on board.

Mr. Stewart-Lockhart pointed out the great hardship of keeping a cargo of pigs on board a steamer the whole of Sunday."

The A torney-General thought pigs would be regarded probably as " perishable articles of

His Excellency thought the ill-treatment, of live stock already so great that an addition such as this would scarcely make any appreciable difference. Hewever if it were practicable without re-introducing all the evil this Ordinance was intended to cure he would be very glad to make the amendment, He suggested thatticles of ood of a perishable nature for immediate consumption; vor, in respect of discharging from vestels/ live stock," so that they would be still ncluded with regard to taking them on board." Mr. Stewart-Lockhart thought no live stock

eyer had to be taken on board in Hongkong. Mr. Keswick mentioned as a very good instance racing horses and ponies being taken! to Shanghai, These would have to be put on board on Saturday and left there all Sunday. It was very desirable to allow them to be taken on board on Sunday. He thought all live stock. should be allowed to be either put on board br discharged on Sundays.

Ultimately the clause was made to read mails, personal luggage, live stock, ice, or. articles of food of a perishable mature required. for immediate consumption,"

Schedule, Form 1, passed without comment. Form's (scale of fees for permits). His Excellency thought that before reading the scale perhaps Mr. Keswick would be good enough to suggest the form in which his criticism would apply to this schedul . He thought he gathered that Mr. Keswick was rather under the impression that large steamers were too heavily taxed with reference to the smaller ones. At

least His Excellency imagi. A that was his view. Mr. Keswick thought that this scale of fees was on the whole too high, but he recognised that it was a very difficult mafter to exactly say what would be a fair scale to apply. In the remarks he made before on this scale, he really intended to say that it did not follow that it might not be more important for a small steamer to discharge or load on Sunday, pay the fee, and go away, as much as in the case of a large steamer. For instance, in the case of a vessel going to Swatow, where she might know there was the "most favored nation" clause, which puts important cargo waiting for her, may \$2,000 worth, it would be well worth her while to pay and certainly if they are put in the same position | the \$ co or \$125 for the fee so as to be in time as our own steamers they can have no reason to to procure that cargo. On the other hand, a complain. But until the terms of the new larger steamer might have no such cargo be possible to put the Oldinance in force against Shanghai'of Woosung Bar by a certain time in the master, or owner, or consignee, But as it is order to cross it, or be unable to get over for not contemplated putting it in force at once several days. Therefore he maintained that the probably that objection will fall to the ground size of the vessel was no fair reason for charging. before it takes effect. With regard to the her such and such a sum. He thought that on schedule, I trust the hon member will assist us the whole it would be desirable perhaps to with his experience in going through the Bill. I reduce this scale of charges, but in any circumneed hardly say the experience of either himself stances to make the charge the same for all or anyone else concerned in the subject will be vessels. He really thought, after the rather most valuable. My object in introducing the hurried consideration of the bill that he had been fair. A large steamer might pay \$150 in order to get over Woosung Bar, for instance, and a small steamer might do the same; but he thought it too" much for a vessel over alcoo tons to pay \$250. This would represent in the case of the largest steamer, roughly speaking one day's demurrage. His Excellency-A good deal less than one day's demutrage?

Mr. Keswick thought it was about the same. His Excellency said he was given to understandithat every one of these prices was below the demurrage that would be paid by the vessels in the different classes. He was given to understand that it was so; of course he spoke subject to edirection.

The Attorney General said that in framing this solledule he had the assistance of the Harbour Master, and of course though they took different views on some things, 'yet the principle: was that a large steamer might take a large cargo than a smaller one, and it would be more important to get away. What they wanted to insure was to allow the officers to get their Sunday rest, and to put the fees at such a figure as to make it not worth, the vessels' while to work on Sundays, ... If the fee was put too low, the shipowners would simply pay it as a tax, an additional burden; and work just the same. ....

Mr. Keswick, replying to the remarks of the Attorney-General, thought this was one of those cases in which the effects on different steamers. were not identical. He understood that in Bombay the scale of charges for Sunday labours permits was the equivalent of about 12 cents per ton of the ship's registered tonnage. "Taking the case for instance of a steamer of, say, 1481 tons,? at 16 cents a tou, would be the equivalent of \$250, roughly speaking. ......

His Excellency pointed out that that was very nearly soco tons si and if the vessel was much larger of course it was charged less in proportion will under this schedule than the Bembay rate, For large; number of vessels the rate here would be a good deal less than the Bombay rate . \$240 (1.) would be the Bombay rate for a vessel of /2003! vit tons, whereas the maximum rate hero was \$350 : d or the largestivesselie with brothingson have with annual

Mr. Keswick; instanced a steamer of the size in of the Beniedl, 1481 tons at 120, per ton makingui) 177.72; F. According to the scale put down Lore, !! taking her roughly speaking at 1500 tons-01 200011 His , Excellenty :- No, she (would come in the? underascontons, at the \$275 rate out of a part took in

The Attorney General explained that het had and thought it would make too' compileated in scale: " to fix, it, by, the ton, and iso he had itried to their approximate, somewhat, and he thought with way some succession of the total your tent to without the wind His Excellency, thought that giving due con-

sideration to what the bon, member said, while it was impossible to regulate exactly what sums "o should be paid, he thought it tight that the larger !!! steamers should pay w larger amount, roughly ( " speaking ... There ought to be an ascending scale by which large steamers, of say 1,700 tons, " !! should pay more than smaller ste mers, of about 700. 10 With regard to what the Bon member steamer ought to pay more, he had recognised ver

The motion was supported by an afficerit sweet imply that the importance of her getting away | personal luggage, ice, or articles of food of a | he the least restriction. Depattrage would be trobably three or four three he kreate

The Attorney General stated that he had put in the \$150 on his own account in the first instance. but on consideration thought it would be better to have a scale, as for a small steamer it would be carry is the new liner; will be brought and greatly add to the prosperity of the be prohibitory and for a large steamer simply a fine, and they would so on working.

His Excellency suggested to put down the scale by 25 per cent, in each case. After trying a lower figure at first, then if experience showed that it did not really meet the necessity of the case it could be raised, if they continued largely to load in spite of this restriction.

"Mr. Keswick agreed that this alteration would prevent this Ordinance from being a hardship on persons who of necessity must work on Sunday, even if only for an hour.'.

After a little further discussion, the fees were lowered by \$25 in each case, making the rate for vérsels up to 400 tons \$75; up to 700, \$100; 1,000, \$125; 1,500, \$150; 2000, \$175; and over 2000, \$200; with this alteration form 2 was passed. The title and introduction were also The Council then resumed,

THIRD READING. The Attorney-General said that the alterations made in the Bill bad been very small, and as probably this would be the last occasion on which the Council would have the pleasure of meeting His Excellency it was desirable to put the Bill through at once. He therefore moved

to read the Bill a third time. Mr. He Kal would not like the Council to be laid open to the charge of passing this Ordinance through in a burry. He saw also that two of the unofficial members were not present, and he thought they might be afforded the chance of saying something on the Bill. Unless the Bill was very urgent, such suspension of the Standing Orders was not needed. The Bill would undoubtedly be passed, as he thought there was no real opposition to it from any quarter.

His Excellency pointed out that the objection would only mean that he must call a meeting for to-morrow morning. If it was for the public advantage, of course he would do so. He had quite made up his mind to the principle of the Ordinance being generally admitted, and it was his duty to pass it before leaving the Colony, and not to leave it to a locum tenens. But of course if this objection was pressed he would have a meeting to-morrow morning, which would be completely in order, The Ordinance would not come into operation at once. There were two months clear, and if the hon, member would withdraw his motion he had not the least objection to put in another month, in order to give every opportunity of urging any objection from outside before the bill should come into force. He thought that would meet what the hon, member desired to ensure, and would enable his Excellency to leave-the-Colony-without leaving an invidious

task to a locum lenens. Mr. Ho Kal withdrew his objection, and the date was altered from July 1st to August 1st, On the motion of the Attorney-General seconded by Mr. Mitchell-Innes the Standing Orders were suspended, and the Bill read a third

time and passed. THE GAMBLING ORDINANCE.

On the motion of the Attorney-General. seconded by Mr. Mitchell-Innes, the Bill entitled the Gambling Ordinance, 1891, was read a third time and passed.

The Council then adjourned sine die.

" WELL DONE THOU GOOD" &c.

The following has been sent to us for publica-

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Hongkong, 4th May, 1891. DEAR MR. KESWICK .- The receipt of your letter of yesterday has given me very great pleasure, though I cannot say that it has caused me surprise; for I was always confident, as far as you were concerned, that the letter of the Unofficial Members of the 24th ultimo was signed in the hurry of business without sufficient consideration of the terms used.

You only do me justice in saying that, had the letter, from which you have now withdrawn, been couched in respectful terms, it would have received from me the respectful consideration which would in such case have been due to opinions emanating from such a source.

As regards your motive in withdrawal, to which you refer. I will say that not only can it not be impugned, but that I am confident the manly and independent course you have taken in admitting and repairing an unintentional wrong, will add largely to the es mation in which you are already held by the community of Hongkong. Yours very faithfully,

(Signed) G. W. DES VŒUX.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANS PACIFIC TRADE.

A'NEW LINE OF STEAMERS FROM HONGKONG.

Commander A. Marshall, R.N.R., well known in the Far East as the popular skipper of the renowned tea-clipper Stirling Castle, arrived here from Vancouver last Saturday by the Canadian Pacific Co.'s chartered steamer Batavia, on a special mission. A member of our staff interviewed him on the 4th inst.

I am here, said Captain Marshall, as the special representative of Mr. Richard Barnwell managing director of the Fairfield" Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, who is also one of the leading directors of the Scottish Orienta Steamship Company and managing director of the "Gulon" line. Mr. Barawell has charge of all Sir William Pearce's vessels and shipping interests all over the world, and as his steamers the Parihia, Abyssinia and Batavia, now chartered by the Canadian Pacific Company are about to be supplanted on the Vancouver run by the three new and magnificent Empresses it is necessary to find other employment for these three "Gulon" boats. To do this I have visited Canada and the United States and specially looked into affairs in the neighbourhood of Tacoma, Scattle Portland: (Oregon), Victoria, and Vancouverin fact the whole of the Puget Sound ports and their trade prospects have been specially studied first crossed the Pacific from Vancouver to Yokohama. On that occasion I commanded the Abjestata and my freight consisted of a Chinese coffin and five or six tons of flour. That sort of thing did not last long. The trade, owing to the shortness of route and the certainty with which merchants; in China could calculate on the delivery of their consignments; developed It was found that the three chartered boats were not able to carry all the cargo offering, and one or two "outsiders " were engaged to meet

THE NEW LINE. new line will be started within twelve months rice crop for the present year, or the building of effect can thus be produced.

will not in any way damage the interests of the line is to be finished and in working order by made. Canadian Pacific Company. The goods to 1895. This will open up large rice districts to Tacoma by the Northern Pacific Railway kingdom, for railways will undoubtedly Company, which has its terminus in Tacoma. be to Slam what the leading arteries in the It is a positive fact that, the. Canad an human body are to the heart-they will constitute Pacific steamers have to shut out cargo at the means whereby the produce of foreign states Var couver almost every trip. That, of course, will be widely distributed over the corpus (.h til is detrimental to trade, and if by assisting we say) of the country, and thereby, also, the in carrying the surplus and whatever other cargo produce of the land can be easily, cheaply and is offering, we can keep the godowns empty quickly transported to the port-Bangkok being. on the other side, it stands to reason that the presumably, the terminus of all the lines. trade will go on developing, for shipper will find that all they can gather for shipment is quickly carried on to its destination in China and Japan. We are on the most friendly terms with the Canadian Pacific Company, whose special agent Mr. George B. Dodwell is, Which should show you that there is no truth in the rumour respecting strained relations between the Fairfield Company and the Barrow Shipbuilding Company. The Barrow Company's tender was lower than ours so they got the contract to build the three Empresses. There has been no quarrel, and there is no spite or jealousy at the bottom of the projected so-called opposition line to Tacoma.

MINES AT PUGET SOUND. boarders of the Sound, there have been discovered coal, gold and silver mines, with the ment, which is now practically under European result that towns have rapidly sprung up there, | management, and the news brought to hand by the suspension of the Standing Orders in order a vast amount of American capital has been invested in the neighbourhood, and railways are now being constructed from Tacoma to the mining districts at Cariboo, Seattle, etc. This | Korat rallway, will tap some of the best rice all means increase of trade, and the latter producing districts in the country, and thus will, of course, result in the development of the | hasten the rapid development of the well-known shipping trade.

> Tacoma is a magnificent port, with plenty of deep water close alongside the viers and wharves. Buildings are being rum up there at a great rate, and the city, large as it is at present, bids fair to become, within the next ten or fifteen years, a great rival of San Francisco as regards its shipping and mining interests. There are enormous hotels there, huge warehouses, electric rallways, the electric light, and every sign of modern prosperity. It is one of the finest and most go-shead cities in that vast continent. At no very far distant date a line of steamers will be running from Vancouver to Australia and, it was rumoured when I left that city, a cable will before very long join the two continents. There is plenty of enterprise, as is well known, amongst the American mercantile classes which, as regards the development of Tacoma and neighbouring is backed with any amount of So it is clear that; with anything like a fair run of luck the new Co.'s vessels and the Canadian Pacific Company will carrying vast quantities of cargo to and from China which at one-time-would have been shipped exclusively by vessels using the slower and less certain Suez Canal route. It may, in fine, be taken for granted that the Canadian-Pacific and the new company's vessels will be employed in the development of a trade which must benefit the mercantile communities of the Far East generally, and as such should be regarded with the utmost favour by all who have large commercial interests at stakes in the Orient. The development of the trade between Vancouver and the Far East is, I believe the most remarkable feature of tradal affairs yet known, and tends to very strongly prove that where there's a will there's a way."

> > FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

About half-past one o'clock yes'erday morning fire broke out in the premises No. 331, Queen's Road Central, an eating house which stood at the corner of Queen's Road and Morrison Street. The alarm was sounded, and the Fire Brigade were soon upon the scene, under the direction of Acting Superintendent Horspool and Assistant Superintendent A. Chapman. Owing absence of water in the main It was fortunate the fire was in such close proximity to the harbour, from which a good supply of water was obtained. The fire, however, by this time had 'spread to the adjoining shop, No. 333, Queen's Road, a coppersmith's shop, which was soon enveloped in flames. The burning buildings being doomed the brigade turned their attention to keeping the fire located, which they succeeded in doing. The two shops, buildings of three stories in height, were entirely gutted, and we learn that No. 331 is insured for \$1,500 in a Chinese Insurance Office, the other premises not being insured.

THE LAND OF THE WHITE ELEPHANT.

The Bangkok papers have of late teemed wit allusions to the sinister aims of the French Republic upon Siam, aims which cannot possibly commend themselves to the English Cabinet considering how closely our interests are bound up in the little kingdom. The question, therefore, now absorbing the attention of many is whether Stam will, when the time comes, be enabled to keep the French out of the Meikong valley, and then count upon England's friendly intervention? We at present, through our great and important trade with the country .- and many other interests -hold they key of the position in our hands, and surely it is neither a just nor a common-sense policy to allow such a position to be weakened by any apparent want of political cordiality. Not that we say there exists any such want of friendship between England and Siam, but a more generous treatment in regard to the present Trans-Salween and other boundary questions might have the effect of leading to a still further welding of the two nations. The conductors of the Press could and should lend material aid is this respect, and what suggests itself to our mind is that means should be used to obtain the widest information regarding the country; that those chosen to do this should bestow upon it all the care and time essential to bringing out a cyclopædia of social facts regarding trade and other resources, and thus assist to make Siam better known to the outside trade, between Hongkong and Bangkok and be made to feel that they are our servants and not the captain ordered the boats to be lowered, it reduced the number of inhabitants, I estimated and Yunnant sometimes do the whole journey, Salgon may be gathered from the Siamete Custom House Returns for last year. The total by me. It is now just about four years since I exports were some \$5,000,000 in excess of 1889. whilst the imports from Europe and elsewhere were nearly \$7,000,000 over and above the total for 1889. Steamer freights, however, which at this time last year were steady at 20 and 23 cents per-picul-according to description of cargo -between "the land of the white Elephant" and this port, are now ten and twelve cents-and weak at that. The drop is, we are assured; due in with remarkable rapidity until, about a year ago, part to the scarcity of rice both at Saigon and Bangkok, and also to the lack of means of rapid and casy transport from the interior of Slam to Bangkok, the capital and chief port through waters of the colony is in the orders of the day. first officer. The two boats appear to have lost Chinese. They have also certain tribal distinct plicated in feighty days actual travelling, but which the kingdom's exports pass en routs to I should like to be present to oppose the Bill in sight of each other, that tions peculiar to the members of their respective halls and rest are necessary, so one hundred Singapore, Hongkong, Europe, etc. It must be its present form or at least to endeavour to of the captain making for Gutzlaff Island, off tribes, thus the Miso-trib and Lung-jen tribes, in days a least to endeavour to of the captain making for Gutzlaff Island, off tribes, thus the Miso-trib and Lung-jen tribes, in days a least to endeavour to of the captain making for Gutzlaff Island, off tribes, thus the Miso-trib and Lung-jen tribes, in days a least to endeavour to of the captain making for Gutzlaff Island, off tribes, in days a least to endeavour to of the captain making for Gutzlaff Island, off tribes, in days a least to endeavour to of the captain making for Gutzlaff Island, off tribes, in days a least to endeavour to of the captain making for Gutzlaff Island, off tribes, in days a least to endeavour to of the captain making for Gutzlaff Island, off tribes, in days a least to endeavour to of the captain making for Gutzlaff Island, off tribes, in days a least to endeavour to of the captain making for Gutzlaff Island, off tribes, in days a least to endeavour to of the captain making for Gutzlaff Island, off tribes, in days a least to endeavour to of the captain making for Gutzlaff Island, off tribes, in days a least to endeavour to of the captain making for Gutzlaff Island, off tribes, in days a least to endeavour to of the captain making for Gutzlaff Island, off tribes, in days a least to endeavour to of the captain making for Gutzlaff Island, off tribes, in days a least to endeavour to off the captain making for Gutzlaff Island, off tribes, in days a least to endeavour tribes, in days a least tribes, The Belavis and Zambers are chartered borne in mind, too, that the increase during secure certain amendments to it, but as that is which they were picked up this morning by the eastern part of the province, live and dress performance of this feat. This is the best by Mr. Frank Upton of Kobe to run from the past three years in the number of impossible I beg to send you for publication the intervening differently from those of the centre and north of possible route for officials just now, in the way Japan to the Pacific last. They have nothing steamers running between Hongkong, Swatow certain criticisms. His Excellency the Governor time, except for a short space, while they were the province. . In the cast, especially in the of accommodation affort and ashore; nevertheto do with the new line between Tacoma and and Bargkok has been, more or less, in excess has stated that for all practical purposes I might ashore on one of the islands, tossing about prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and comfortless task to prefecture of Kuangnan Fu, I noticed the women less if is an arduous and arduous and arduous an

As regards exports hence to Bangkok, the falling off so noticeable a couple of months ago, which was attributable to the great in the Chinese part of the city-in which upwards of a million dollars worth of uninsured general, merchandise and house property was destroyed-has at present no appreciable effect on the trade, which exhibits signs of rapid improvement and steady development they the Siamese Government is not blind to its own interests, in view of the undoubted pluck of the directors of the Scottish Oriental Steamship Company, and the Holt line, in putting on new steamers on the route almost every year for the past five At no great distance from Tacoma, on the years, is proved by the great improvements lately introduced into the Custom House Departlast steamer that the second Siamese railway. the Bangkok-Paknam-Petrieuw line is to be at once taken in hand. This, together with the mineral and agricultural resources of "the land of the White Elephant."

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinious expressed by Correspondents in this columnal.

A PEACEFUL TRIUMPH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE " HONGKONG TELEGRAPM." Str.-Permit me through the medium of your columns to call the attention of masters and officers of the British Merchant Service to the fact that a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to restrict the loading and discharging of cargoes in certain waters of this Colony " was read a first time at the meeting of the Legislative Council held here yesterday morning. That the efforts of this Association and its friends to cause the abolition of a custom which is deemed a great hardship and injustice by members of the profession generally, both on home-going and coasting steamers; has so far resulted in complete success is undeniable, and it is with feelings of unqualified pleasure that I make this announcement and heartily congratulate you upon the measure of success attained by the force of reason and arguments based upon facts-not by means of violent outbursts of Indignation. justifiable and otherwise, such as brought trouble and misery upon tens of thousands of our countrymen in the Australasian colonies last

In thus briefly referring, on the spur of the moment, to what is, I presume, practically a "Sunday Observance Law" I cannot conclude without paying a brief tribute to the public press. which has, from first to last, been pleased to accord the movement the inestimable assistance

of its support. As I shall avail myself of an early opportunity of speaking publicly upon this subject, dealing with the rew Bill clause by clause, I refrain from further trespassing upon your valuable space at the present juncture. Yours |faithfully.

SAMUEL ASHTON,

President. British M. M. O. Association.

| College Chambers,

Hangkong, 30th April, 1891.

HONGKONG WASH-HOUSES AND Bakeries. TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HOPOROUG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,-Referring to your graphic descriptions of the grave state of affairs connected with such two important local industries as bakeries and wash-houses (for which the general public wi doubtless be very grateful) I write as an ol Hongkong resident and as a family man to say that unless action is taken to remody the verserious evils which undoubtedly exist, I trust you will lend the weight of the influence of your widely-read journal to any efforts that may be put forth with a view to memorialising the

Government on the subject. Although your "show up" of the bakerie was published in September last, I am in a position to state that the Lower Luscar Row and other so-called bakeries in Chinese districts are in the same filthy and insanitary, condition as when your article was published-and yet it is alleged that Hongkong is progressive ! O tempora, O mores!

Thanking you for favoring this with a corner n an early issue.

Yours, etc., OLD RESIDENT.

Hongkong, and May, 1891.

SCOTS WHA HAE, &c. To THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGROUG TELEGRAPH." SIR.—After reading the Hon. J. J. Keswick letter to his Excellency the Governor, published in this morning's issue of the Daily Press, surely Scotchmen will be proud of their countryman, and the St. 'Andrew's Society of its President. In face of the circumstances to which it refers, it is difficult to conceive a more ablect and cringing letter being written by even the meanest lickspittle in Hongkong, -and there are a good many. of them - and it only shows how urgent it is that the rate-payers should tell the Home Government most emphatically that they are not represented as they should be in the Legislative Council. and demand that a scarching inquiry be made into the whole system of Government (1) in Hongkong, with a view to its being remodelled and fixed on a proper basis, so that the officials

ONE OF MANY. Hongkong, 4th May, 1891.

THE SUNDAY LABOUR BILL.

To THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGROUG TELUGRAPH."

It is one-sided and directed to exclude from its operations all native craft, which on short voyages to southern ports can compete successfully against foreign-built versels.

Has consideration been given to the food supply of the colony, which is largely imported? The river steamers leaving Canton on Saturday morning bring large supplies both for the European and native colonists. Is this perishable cargo to be allowed to rot, particularly in the hot weather, on board the steamers, or are the vessels to refuse its carriage on the Saturday evening departures from Canton, so throwing the colonists' food wants on the stale supplies of previous importations?

Many time charters are in existence based on the old order of things. To reduce the the charterers ability to work in this harbour by a maximum of nearly 15 per cent. during the remaining currency of their charters would inflict a hardship on all who have such contracts pending. For, if they had been aware that this Ordinance was contemplated; they could have provided for a lessened payment to the ship owner in the event of such legislation becoming operative during the term of their charters. Under such' circumstances is it not equitable that the Ordinance should not take effect till six

months from the date of its passing? Why should work in the harbour be signalled out and not that on shore? Is it not straining at a gnat and swallowing a came! ?

Yours very truly. W. H. WHITEHEAD.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1891. [This letter did not reach us in time for publication in our last night's issue. We shall feel greatly obliged if correspondents will kindly remember that our hour of publication is 5.30 p.m., and forward their communications as early in the day as possible.-Ed., Hongkong Telegraph.

THE HON, JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK AND THE PUBLIC.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPM." SIR,-Really, I became much perplexed when saw in last night's Telegraph the Hon. Mr. Keswick's letter addressed to the Head of the Executive, withdrawing everything that he did both in and out of the Council, for the last month or two. I cannot believe myself that owing to pressure of business, he signed the protest, or whatever it is called, without looking at it. Is this a hole to creep out of? Undoubtedly this is a very poor excuse. Not a child. Sir, would have done what the Hon. Mr. Keswick did. He had more than once, and yesterday more than ever, proved his inability to represent the interests of this colony in the Legislative Council. It is high time that he should be called upon to resign his place in Council immediately, and the vacancy occupied by one more competent than himself. What we want is man of the Hon, Mr. Whitehead's character, independent to the core, and not a mere timeserver who only opens his mouth to utter an "if" or a "but," as you very well said, in your leader of last night.

Thanking you in anticipation, ---I am, Sir,

Yours very truly, ∜B. D. F. Hongkong, 5th May, 1891.

THE ASHDOWN AND RYAN CONCERTS TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TRENGRAPH."

SIR,-The Committee of Management of the series of concerts recently given at the Garrison Theatre and Theatre Royal, City Hall, in aid of a fund for the benefit of the widow and orphans of the late Bombardier Ashdows, R.A., and the widow of Musketry-Instructor Ryan, of the Hongkong Police, resulted as follows :-

in the realisation of a sum of \$362.04, after at the Garrison Theatre enabled the Committee to set aside for Mrs. Ryan \$53.32.

On behalf of the Committee of Management I shall esteem it a favor if you will tender our warmest thanks to Mr. C. H. Grace, who most willingly undertook to arrange the City Hall concert, and the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly gave their valuable services: also to Mr. Ruchwaldy and his talented pupils, to Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Ld., the City Hall Committee, the Army and Navy and public generally for their liberal support, and last, but not least, to they invariably give to all deserving cases.

The amounts stated above have been handed to Capt. Goold Adams, commanding the Battery to which the late Bombardier Ashdown belonged and satisfactory arrangements will be made that they will be utilised to the best advantage for those concerned.

I am, Sir, Yours faithfully, J. MEREDITH, Garrison Sergeant-Major. Hongkong, 5th May, 1801.

THE WRECK OF THE "HOLME EDEN."

The steamer Myrmidon, which arrived at

Shanghai on Saturday last (April 25th), brought up

Captain Prentice and 14 of the crew of the steamship Holme Eden, 3,400 tons gross register, from Antwerp, belonging to Messrs. Angler Bros. of London, which went ashere in a thick fog on the Leuconne Islands the previous Thursday morning and became a total wreck. The Chinese gunboat Chaou Woo brought the chief officer of the ill-fated ship and the remainder of the crew. The Mercury says that the Holme Eden left Antwerp with a general cargo for Shanghai on ports, left Hongkong on Saturday the 18th inst. to

at a comparatively early date. The new line turned on the first of September next, and the perhaps the following suggestions might be on the Island affords a bright exception to burden to maintain their jealous husbands in the treatment shipwrecked people have been idleness and comparative case. I have seen the receiving for some time past at the hands of the Chinese, for they say nothing could have been kinder than the behaviour of the islanders. amongst whom they landed.

> THE BRITISH CONSULAR SERVICE IN CHINA.

A correspondent who signs himself "The Chinese Times in Elysio," writes as follows to the N. C. Daily News :-

Under the played device of an ironical vindication of the Consuls from the strictures of the Chinese Times an ingenious writer in your contemporary shows up the weakness of their case rather too strongly, for with all its faults it cannot be but that there is something to be said on the side of the Service.

The article consists of a war-dance, amusing: just, and in perfectly good taste, over the prostrate form of the critic, while the criticism itself is cyaded. The writer demands of any critic such an exhaustive study of the Consular staff as would involve a residence of at least five years at each of the twenty-one ports, besides an indefinite campaign in Peking, by which time he would be past his prime and the house would be counted out, or he would be counted out of itbefore he had a chance of opening his mouth? Under such an exigent canon it would be forbidden to any one to comment on missionary doings who was not five hundred years old. The appeal to those wonderful archives, too, which appreciated by those whom it concerns. the smoke of the fire-works has cleared away the writer's position remains so cleverly velled that one cannot say positively whether he means to controvert the assertions of the Chinese Times or whether, granting their truth, he denies to the facts the significance attached to them.

. There is probably a wide discrepancy between the views held within its ranks and those prevailing in the market place as to the raison d'ttre of the Consular service, and this is, precisely the point which needs cleaning up before any mutual appreciation of argument can by expected. If the service be a self-con tained quasi divine institution existing for i own glory, there could be scarcely any difference of opinion that the end of its, being has been creditably attained. That something very like this doctrine is openly held by many in the service. and tacitly by many more, will not perhaps be seriously denied. But this is not at all the ideal of the Consular service held by the mercantile public Not that they do not like to see the flagstaff and the gold and silver lace, the buttons and the velvet collar-indeed there is not a British subject in China who would willingly see his Consul bate a jot of his proper dignity, even for an immediate advantage to his nationals; but the merchants and others regard these accersories not as the end but the means; the polish on the almost inexhaustible. It is greater by far than instrument which is intended not to be hung up for ornament in a rack, but for quite mundane and every-day uses. What, they ask, is the finest despatch writing, what is even a pile of Blue books to them, if their material interests. are neglected by those who are paid to defend |:places. Copper is respecially abundant. Its

to sustain his ironical consistency throughout, places. This rich-province has been more or drops inadvertenly into unison with the Chinese: Times. Perhaps the fact was too patent to be denied, even in jest, that public praise of an official for his British proclivities would tellagainst him in the quarters whence promotion. comes, while he who snubs his nationals and represses their enterprise, if only he has managed whose country has been so forcibly annexed to his foolscap dexterously, is on the high road to the Chinese Empire. ministerial favour.

The concerts for Mrs. Ashdown resulted whole of the acts of all the Consular officers to secore the control of its rich deposits of copper extending over the length and breadth of China, l'and other metals. .. Millions of tacls of silver are paying all expenses, and the one entertainment | and covering a period of nearly fifty years, in | expenses, and the one entertainment | and covering a period of nearly fifty years, in | expenses, and the one entertainment | and covering a period of nearly fifty years, in | expenses, and the one entertainment | and covering a period of nearly fifty years, in | expenses, and the one entertainment | and covering a period of nearly fifty years, in | expenses, and the one entertainment | and covering a period of nearly fifty years, in | expenses, and the one entertainment | and covering a period of nearly fifty years, in | expenses, and the one entertainment | and covering a period of nearly fifty years, in | expenses, and the one entertainment | and covering a period of nearly fifty years, in | expenses, and the one entertainment | and covering a period of nearly fifty years, in | expenses, and the one entertainment | and covering a period of nearly fifty years, in | expenses, and | expenses, a order to prove this or any other proposition. Little province, but despite this fact, the people are But it would perhaps be fair and also feasible, exceedingly poor, wretched and miserable. The to select some representative cases, where men wealthiest of the natives are neither fed, dressed, have been pushed forward in the service for housed with anything like comfort not to say and promoted over the heads, of seniors; or luxury. Their best food is frugal indeed, and contrariwise kept back. Take one or two of their best clothing is far inferior to that worm by these men whom the powers that be have bur servants in Shanghal; whilst most of their delighted to honour, the Illie of the service, and houses would hartily be considered good enough see for what merits they were advanced, or, if. for the cattle on a respectable English farm. that be not ascertainable, mark the subsequent [17] [This great] misery is no doubt, principally behaviour of the men as the best indication of iducy to they lack, of water communication, what they think "goes down "at headquarters; and; the badness of tall roads, but a great the Hongkong Press for the cordial assistance Mark also the bearing of any who may have deal of it is also due to the general incomsuffered rebuffs, and observe in what respects to perency of Chinese officials to govern alien races, they have changed their tactics in order to land to the incapacity of the wretched people to escape future displeasure.

mentioning names of the men, or even of places, of industry must be encouraged, and the corvis contribute what they know of Consular proceeds system "abolished," before any good can be obtained from which some "definite conclusion which travellers and merchandise may reach the would be derivable as to the theory and practice. of the Consular Service; and the responsibility for the existing state of things might then be more accurately distributed between the system and the men.

YUNNAN: ITS TREASURES AND TRADE ROUTES. ..

Asiatic Society held in Shanghai non the 20th, through Chilill Shantung, Honan, Hupeh, ulto., General Meany read a paper, on "Yunnan : Hunan, Kuelchow, and Yunnan and as far as the its treasures and trade routes." Dr. Edkins | botders of Barme. The distance from Peking

occupied the chair. remarks, read his paper, from which we make least one hundred days to accomplish the the following extracts to The superficial area of journey." Pour months is however, the usual Yunnan is over 100,000 English, square miles. time. Freddent halts and rests are necessary It extends through seven degrees of latitude and for the welfare of toan and beast, so it happens February 22nd, and after calling at all the way eight degrees of longitude, and is thus larger, that every ten for lifteen days the coolies and than Italy, but not nearly so densely populated, pack animals are all changed at certain well come up here. All went till Wednesday night, as the Italian Kingdom. The population of knowleard regularly established centres for that when a dense fog set in, on account of which the Vunnan has been variously estimated, by the purpose occurred at Peking may, howship was obliged to proceed as slowly as possible, Chinese Government, as well as by individual | every come as fer as Hislangyang Fu on the Han the lead being hove at frequent intervals. The collectors of such statistics, at from a to 17, River in about thirty days without changing, but ship struck at about 3,30 s.m. and immediately millions. In 1877, at the close of a civil war that the warely done in the Imperial Post couriers began to fill, and seeing she was settling down, had lasted over twenty years, and had greatly bearing important displatches to or from Peking being then so thick that it was impossible to see the population to be about one million families, apportailes, sin thirty days, but they change more than a yard. In doing this one of the Two years later, an official census was taken and popules every ten of fifteen miles. sailors fell overboard, but was picked up by the the population was then declared to be over hat The advent of steamers in China has brought second officer almost before he touched the eleven million individuals. About two thirds of about considerable changes. Thus travellers water. This is the only accident to be the present inhabitants of Yunnan consist of leaving Peking for the distant province of recorded of those on the vessel, a fact that various tribes of Lolo, Li-su, Mu-su, Man-tzu Xunnan may now take cart to Tientsin in three speaks volumes for the coolnesss and discipline and Miso-tzu, collectively called, or classed, mays, embark there on a steamer, and reach maintained on board, and for the promp by the Chinese, as I-Jen, a term which Shanghai in four or live days. Thence they go SIR, -A meeting of the Legislative Council titude and efficacy of the measures taken means heathen, because the Chinese have by river steamer to Hankow in four days. At has to-day been summoned for to-morrow fore. The officers and crew of the ship numbered 26 failed to convert the native tribes to Con- Hankow's junk may be hired to go up the noon at 11 o'clock. I cannot possibly attend as all told, and 13 of those under the command of fucianism, or any other system of morality. Yangize fiver, through the Tungting Lake, and it is mail day. The second reading of the Bill of the captain got into one the boats, when These primitive people still retain many of their up the Young river to Chenyuan Fu, Kuelchow. entitled "An Ordinance to restrict the Loading they were lowered, the remaining 12 getting ancient manners and customs, refraining as much province, in forty days. Here the land journey and Unlading of Cargo on Sunday in the into the second, which was under charge of the as possible from social intercourse with the combiences. The whole journey may be accomthe Chaou Wee took them on board yester men. These women are as a rule exceedingly levied in Hunan and Kacichow are so heavy from the present time, and that they will have railway lines running into the interior of Siam, Is this Bill introduced under instructions from day morning, and the castaways speaks highly active and vigorous, and food of pleasure after that the made too costly for sale all they can do to carry the cargo offering. In which would, as a natural sequence, prove the Secretary of State for the Colonies . If so of the treatment they received on board the their work is over in the evening. In dact it is highly probable that the service will | valuable feeders to the trade of the port. The lt is almost useless to oppose it, or to offer Chinese war-vessel- The experience of Captain | Lolo and other tribes the service will | valuable feeders to the trade of the port. The dact it is highly properly the service will value to the trace of the trace of the following to be any documents by one or two more vessels first sed of the Korat railway is, however, to be any documents adverse to the passing, though by one or two more vessels first sed of the Korat railway is, however, to be any documents adverse to the passing, though by one or two more vessels first sed of the Korat railway is, however, to be any documents adverse to the more vessels. The women have to work hard like the korat railway is, however, to be any documents adverse to the more vessels.

savage Lusus, or Lisu, in the prefecture of Yungchang Fu, Western Yunnar, ploughing their, unhealthy fields in the valley of the Luchiang river, with women barnessed to their ploughs, instead of cattle. The men held the plought, and were fully armed!

\_Yunnan \_\_does \_\_not \_\_nppear . to .have . been regularly annexed, and efficially administered, ha a Chinese province, until the thirteenth century, when Kublai Khan, they Mongolian conqueror of the Chinese Empire, penetrated with his victorious troops through the whole of Yunnan, even to Burma, imposing his Imperial sway over both these countries, and in fact over nearly the whole of Asia.

This yast province is officially divided and subdivided for the convenience of better administration in much the same manner as other Chinese provinces, that is, as follows:-4 circuits, 14 prefectures, 4 departments, 3 districts, 13 sub-prefectures of theil Ting class, 26 subprefectures of the Chew class, and 30 counties, all of which are entirely under Chinese rule. Besides the above, there are 3 prefectures, 6 sub-prefectures of the Chou class, and 4 counties, enjoying Home Rule, under hereditary native chieftains. Yunnan province consists chiefly of an elevated plateau some 5,000 to 6,000 feet above sea level! .It is intersected by several mountain ranges, some of which have peaks of great altitude, (especially those near the confines of Thihet) which are perpetually covered with snow. The climate of Yunnan is pleasantly cool in summer; and fairly healthy, especially on the table land forming the principal portion are in the same breath pronounced inaccessible," of the province. The valleys down which flow is a humorous touch which cannot fail to be the Lantsang, the Lu, and the Lungch uan Rivers ware however very warm sultry, and dreadfully unhealthy, so much so that few people" live in these valleys, although people living on the neighbouring heights descend to cultivate various crops on the fertile slopes.

The natural resources of Yunnan are great indeed. It produces everything necessary for the sustenance of a dense population, despite its prejent poverty-stricken appearance.

Opium, hemp, fix, rhubarb and other drugs abound maize, rice, wheat and other cercals are grown almost everywhere. Pears, oranges, \$ ... .lemons and other fruit, potatoes and other vegetables, are also cultivated to more or less perfection in many different places. Fine oxen. excellent sheep, goats, pigs, dogs, ponies, asses, mules, fish, ducks, geese, penencks and fowls, are also reared and eaten as food by all who can afford, such, Mahomedans of course abstaining from the abominable firsh of the hog and the dog. Milk butter, tes, sugar and salt are also produced in various parts of the province, and at (reasonable prices. Clothing stuff is, however, very dear, although coarse flunnels, and strong silks are woven from native produce, and an abundance of fine wool is available for manufacturing the best of cloth on the introduction of spitable machinery for that purpose. The mineral wealth of Yunnan is something enormous, and that of any other province in China. Rubics and sapphires, garnets' and topazes, amethysts and jade abound in the western prefectures. Gold, silven, platinum; nickel, copper, tin, lead, king from coal and salt also abound in many ores are of excellent quality, and have been At one point the writer, unable apparently worked for ages in over one thousand different less open to Chinese commercial Intercourse for the long period, of twenty-two centuries, and it has, been administered entirely as a Chinese province for six centuries or more, yet nothing appears to have been done by the Chinese Government for the benefit of the native tribes

The principal object of the Chinese in retain-It is of course impossible to bring together the ling hold of this province appears to have been

govern themselves. Yunnan will never flourish It would really be an interesting enquiry, and | under | Chinese rule | Something better is if residents at different ports would, without incressary, Good roads must be made, habits ings in their districts, data might thereby be effected. There have ten important roads by Improvincial capital of Yannan, from various parts of China and the surrounding countries, but the best of them is not so good as the worst of country roads in England.

The accommodation for man and beasts on the best and most frequented is wretched in the extreme. All of them are difficult and costly. and even days overland ourney is the shortest time in which the capital of the province can be spached from the nearest river port. The first and most important of these ten

At a meeting of the China Branch of the Royal routes is the Imperial highway from Peking. to Munismorably this route is 8,200 // or over General Mesny, after some introductory 2,700 miles and it takes ordinary travellers at

routes to Yunnan from central China. Travellers | capture of Peking, the old Imperiouse, Admiral and merchandise may now come to Ichang by Tobias Jones, leading the van -and by the steamer, thence travel in junks on the Upper Yangize, through the gorges, over the rapids, Sunderwald, with the German Minister, Count into Szechuan province pass Chungking and Eulenborg, the present Imperial Chamberlain, stop at the prefectural city of Hsüchou Fu. also called Shui Fu. Here the land journey Minister to China, who was then an attache, from Ichang, by river and road, may be accomplished in about ten weeks including passed—the Pearl followed second in line under stoppages. The bulk of foreign goods now sold in Yunnan, pass by this route, as the duties. though heavy, are still lighter than on all the other routes, and there is less danger of being robbed or rqueezed by marauders.

route. Instead of going up as far as Shui Fu we l'able crash came and the emerald and gold turn up a small river called the Yungning Ho. .The first city we reach in Yunnan province is cabin was laid hare by this manœuvre, the old the subprefectural seat Hstian Weichou. .

proposed by Captain Sprye many years ago, as Excuse this digression, but this one of endless being suitable for the building of a railroad from Butnia to Yunnan, and it is no doubt the likeliest ing markets at reasonable prices.

Bhamo across the Kachyen Hills to Manyin on the Chinese frontier side of those bills, but the wild Kachyens are troublesome people. They must be tamed, and given, or found, a suitable mans of livelihood, otherwise they will always prove a nuisance and terror, as they have been for ages, to all traders passing through their country. This road lying as it does across three large rivers and six ranges of high mountains, is far from proving an eary one to railway makers

The sixth route is the Paise-Kuangnan route. Traveller: on this route leaving Canton in a junk may come up the West River to Wuchou Fu, Kuangsi Province, in about eight days, at all seasons of the year, and, thence passing Nanning Fu reach Paise Ting Lat. 24 deg. N., Long. 1c6 deg 20' E., in one month or six weeks, according to the state of the river current, which is sometimes very swift.

across the province of Yunnan.

Paisé Ting is the centre of a considerable amount of trade in foreign and other goods, from Canton with Kucichow and Yunnan, favourably situated, as it is, at the head of navigation for junks on the West River. There are two trade rou'es leading thence to Yunnan Fu. It is the first of these that I call the sixth route, or the Pai ê-Kuangnari route.

The seventh route is the Paise Hsing-yi route. This other route from Palse Ting to Yunnan Fu. passes through the prefectural city of Hsingyi Fu. Lat. 25 deg. 15 N. Long. 106 deg. E., in Kueichow Province. It is the route usually followed by officials going from Kuangtung and Kuangsi to Yunnan, and has the advantage of being somewhat easier than the other. It wi not pay however to send merchandise by this route, as duty must be paid on such, whilst passing through Kucichow.

The eighth, or Pakhoi Kalbus route, is a long and tedious route entirely overland along the frontiers of Tongking, and around by the prefectural city of Kalhua Fu, Lat. 23 deg. 10' N. Long. 104 deg. 50 E., Yunnan province, and on to the provincial capital. It is a journey of fifty-two days.

The ninth or Lackai Manhao route is now the shortest of all land routes to the capital of the beginning of the contest was completely at . Yunnan, from the surrounding countries. Strange | the mercy of the by no means large Erench to say, the Chinese Government abandoned this squadron. Likewise the stoppage of the grain important trade route to the tender mercles of trade north of the Yangtze was feasible from the the Black Flag fillbusters for years, without i commencement and would speedily have brought attempting to improve it or even to protect | the "great military nation" according to our "only its own enterprising merchants, who, from time to time of inte years, have attempted to trade at which they are such proficients, before the thereon with the neighbouring states in that region. All other routes, from the highest point of navigation, to Yunnan Fu, are longer by half, and no better off in point of convenience and merchandise. China has lost a favourable opportunity to benefit her people in Yunnan, and it is now too late to repair the fault by which she lost it.

The tenth route, the Assam Weihsi route, is one by which Yunnan may be reached from the British possessions in Assam, and which might be opened up to trade for the mutual benefit of all parties concerned.

goods and travellers is about the same on military nation", depended in the struggle ! all the routes: that is, pack animals are | shall be happy to supply him with them gratis usually paid three mace of silver for each stage, from the gallery of my friend Nam Cheong. and coolies two mace for the same stages. Each animal carries about 160lbs. English, divided | we take a glimpse of that policy, which into two parcels of equal weight. The coolies apparently one has to acknowledge now is the carry half that weight, also made up into two | only one which will bring the Celestial to reason parcels. Heavier parcels may, however, be and prevent the degrading "kow-tow" policy of carried by two or more coolies in litters like to-day which is ruining British interests in China sedan chairs, but the weight carried by each coolie, in such cases, is about twenty per cent, less than in the former case,

The cost of carriage is thus very high indeed, so that it behaves all governments and people interested in the expansion of trade with Yunnan, to do all they possibly can to lay down their merchandise as near as possible to the various prices consistent with profitable undertaking.

The Chinese Government will not de anything for the improvement of the wretched condition of Yunnan. That distant province has in fact been a constant drain on the resources of the Empire for ages, and is likely to continue so. in future. The only hope of relief from her present wretched condition that Yunnan may expect, lies in the probability that a man of talent in the art of governing will some day appear in that region, to carve for himself a new and promising kingdom from that long ill-ruled fragment of this ancient and vast Empire.

(To be centinued.)

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, 4th May, 1801. Far East will admit that conscientious scruples | So look out for squalls.-Yours, indignant, of duty would at any time tie him to his post, and it is with some concern one has observed him holding on to the helm so long considering. his indifferent health and the anxietles and worries attendant upon his difficult position. vis-d-vis the aggravating native authorities, as the sequence of the Walsham-may it not be accurately described "All-sham?" British

representation at Peking. of the present Admired John Berlase, who commanded the Pear John Berlase, who commanded the Pear John Berlase, who common but of course he won't.

In Jet at once to Tan San amines.

We know what a pig-headed brute it is, and dry weather is very fayourable. The recent of the present Admiral John Boriase, who com-

way the German frigate Ancona, Commodore and Herr van Brandt, the present German on board, played "Rule Britannia" as she steam and sail. Observing the Pearl catching up the Imperiouse fast, old Johnnie Borlise ordered the balyards to be let go and rails lowered, forgetting at the moment, (having been so long in sailing vessels The third route, is the Yungning Haunan Wei that he was under steam, and when the inevit ginger bread work of the stern and the Admiral's skipper could do nothing but exclaim "Oh dear! The fourth or Klang Hung Sau Mao route, was ! Oh dear! I forgot I was in, a steamer!" anecdotes connected with old nautical characters

came to mind as I was trying to adorn my to prove profitable as a railroad speculation. tale in regard to one more to the point The British Indian Government may now I am driving at, which was in connection encourage the building of a railway through any | with this officer's investigation of the conduct part of Burma up to the Chinese frontier, and of a troublesome bluejacket which even that line is said to be by far the easiest yet found. Borlase's grating policy could not lick into England cannot, of course, build railroads in shape, so fir as the officers could judge from China, but she can do so in Burma, and the the symmetry with which the unfortunate man's sooner it is done the better, in order to place her | blue jumper hung upon him; the man's name maunfactures as near as possible to the distribut- was Pill, and the Captain in sentencing him to bls usual prescription of 48 lashes, grimly The fifth or Bhamo Teng-yuch route has remarked "a bitter pill you've been to me." So Consul?" often been spoken of as the most promising it is likewise a somewhat bitter pill one has to route for the development of British trade swallow in reproducing from the columns of with Yunnan, and it no doubt possesses "Punch." so far back as January 1857, an

certain advantages which must not be lost sight exemplification of the drastic policy of those of. Fine river steamers ascend the Irrawaddi days, and contrasting the same with that now River as far up as Bhamo, and it would not be in vogue in comparison with the paucity of a very difficult matter to build a railway from results of the "kow-tow" policy of Great Britain. Th's policy introduced by Sir Thomas Wade certainly did not find favour with his successor, the late lamented Six-Harry Parkes, and how often does one hear the Laurente's lines quoted :-"Oh I for the touch of a vanished hand I

And the sound of the voice that is still." History is simply repeating itself to-day in the position of Great Britain in China as it was before the last China war. Its Representatives unrespected, its Treaty althy-word, and its influence subsiding in favour of other nations who have not borne the brunt and battle of the day, and who have not expended a tithe of the outlay in acquiring it, while the position is intensified by irresponsible scribblers like Lord Wolvely doing their level best to pander the Chinese insatiable conceit. These unseemly vapourings of the cadaverous Cantain of the goth, and D. A. Q. G. of the Expedition of 1860-w'th only a very few months' experience of this country, strikes one with force in the face of the masterly inactivity of the same would-be military genius who left his noble comrade and friend to perish on his "last watch" Khartoum. The most cursory knowledge of the Hist ry of the Middle Kingdom would have shown our Only General that the Chinese have never been imbued with the science or art of war, have exhibited their wisdom by practising more peaceful and profitable avocations, while the demoralization agencies at work both in Mongolia and Manchuria as well

palpably altered ci-cumstances, renders the regeneration of those nations in the sense inferred, practically an impossibility now or in the future, under Chinese domination it all events. Morcover the history of the late Franco-China war, to those who had the opportunity of reading between the lines, conclusively supported this view, and if the abject military disorganization of this so-called great Empire. throughout the struggle cannot be clearly demonstrated then I will gladly take a back seat

Further, if there is one fact more glaring than another in this respect, it is that Canton from general," to the performance of the "kow tow, gallant Courbet on the quarter deck of the Bayard. Even a more effective blockade of Formosa would have made that island succumb had such a course by Military or naval tactics been considered advisable. Surely it is palpable enough that Liu Ming-chu'an should have been allowed to "stew in his own juice" there although on the flank of the French, for he had comparatively no means at his disposal of injuring or even harassing the French, and if our "only general" to complete his next essay desires a drawing of the " Pingon and other similar abortions upon which The cost for transport or conveyance of the Governor of Formosa and this "great However, this dissertation can wait over while for the benefit of other nationalities. Punch in 1857 exhibited this policy in a humorous if some-

what ironical light as follows :-ABOUT THE ENGLISH OF IT.

We are enabled to publish the real English of the Chinese Despatches relative to the bombard ment of Canton, of which flowery translations have lately appeared in the newspapers, as well centres of consumption, at the lowest possible at the private communications of our Consul, Admiral, and Plenipotentiary, of which their published letters are an expansion by the diplomatic theorem :

"To COMMISSIONER YEN!

"British Consulate. "SIR,—One of your war-boats has boarded an English lorcha, the Arrow, lying near the Dutch Folly, has carried off twelve of her Chinese crew, and hauled down the English

"I went to the war-boat, and explained to the Officer in command that I wouldn't stand it, and that he must send the men up to the British Consulate. The Officer refused, and told me to be hanged, and said if I didn't get out of that he would make me.

. "Not wishing to be ducked, I left the boat, and now write to request that you will at once give orders to Captain Leang-Qwo-ting to sent the men back to the Arrow. I may as well A few days hence we are fated to see the last | mention that I have written to our Plenipotentiary of another old China notable in the person of and our. Commodore. You know neither wil Consul-General Alabaster, who takes his depar- stand any nonsense, and if you don't sent the ture upon a well-carned term of leave. Anyone | men back at once, and with a proper apology, following his career in H. M.'s Service in the I won't be answerable for the consequences.

H. S. PARKES. (A True Translation., PUNCH.) (MR. CONSUL PARKES to COMMODORE ELLIOT, H.M.S. Sibylle.): (Private.) British Consulate, Oct., 8.

My dear Elitor, 196- 1. In Late to make your and "Here's a chance for you. These fellows

the point of law with him. I fully anticipate he plentiful and of fine quality. He has ordered with a considerable quantity of dust. To-day your thirty-two jounders will be required to

"Ever yours, H. S. PARKES," (MR. PARK'S to SIR JOHN HOWRING, enclosing YEH'S answer.) "To HIS EXCELLENCY SIR JOHN BOWRING," &c. &c. &c. (Private.)

" British Consulate, Oct. 10.

"I enclose Yeh's answer to my letter. As ! expected, he offers no apology, but takes advantage of the legal quibble, as to the Arrow's right to fly our colours; but he luckily misses the strong point that her registry was not renewed on the 27th of September last, as it ought to have been. The story of the pirate on board is new to me. It may or may not be true, but at all events we may fairly contend there is no reliance on the evidence of natives given under duresse. I hope you will not see any objection to my having written to Elliot to bring up Si'ylle. I think the sooner we come to great guns the better, These Quihis, will discuss law points with us for an eternity.

"Yours, sincerely, H. S. PARKES. "P.S. I forgot to mention that Yeh sent back nine of the men. Of course, I refused to receive them. His pretent for keeping back the others. that they are under legal examination, is ridiculous. What business has he to set up Chinese law against the demands of a British

(YER's answer enclosed in the above.) "YER. Imperial High Commissioner. &c. &c. &c., addresses this declaration to MR. ... PARKES, the British Consul at

Canton.

"I have received your letter, of yesterday, and have well weighed the contents; The men of the Arrow were seized on information of Hwang-Leen-Kaey a merchant of Lin-Hin, whose versel was plundered September last by pirates, among whom he. swears was Le-Ming-Tac, one of the crew, of the Arrow. This man, Hwang-Leen-Kae recognised on board the lorcha as he sailed past her yesterday on his arrival in the river. . I send back nine of the men against whom there seems no legal cause of complaint. I keep back the alleged pirate Leang-Keen-Foo, another of the crew who was engaged by the helmsman at the same time with him (and who is also stated on the evidence of Woo-Ajin to have been concerned in the piratical attack on the ship of Hwang-Leen-Kie) and Woo-Aja, who has given evidence buth as to the ownership and registration of the Arrow, -thowing that the Arrowis a Chinese and not a British vessel-and as to a confession of the alleged piracy by Le-Ming-Tae, and the other man whom I have

"I trust that this answer will satisfy you that taking of the men is not intended as an insult to the British flug, but that they were seized on legal grounds, for a serious offinee, in due form of Chinese law, and on board a Chinese vessel, I hope that the promptness with which I have given this explanation, and sent back all the men not under actual examination, will satisfy you that I have done nothing for which any apology is required, and still less for which I and this City need fear any of the consequences to which you refer in your letter.

"Hieng-Fung, 6th year, 9th month, 12th day." (A True Translation. PUNCH.) With SIR JOHN BOWRING'S Despatch to Mr. PARKES in answer to his letter of the 9th.)

"Dear PARKES," " Hongkong, Oct. 11. "I'm afraid you have been in rather too great hurry to punch Yeh's head; but as you have got me into the mess. I suppose I must see you through it: Why the mischlef didn't you satisfy yourself before making any row in the case, that the Arrow had a right to fly the British flag Then we should have been all right. But, as is, it is as clear as that two and two make four, that she had no such right whatever; registry, by virtue of which alone she hoists our colours, having expired on the 27th uit.

"Luckily-as you say-Yeh doesn't take this point, so that we have a loophole left to creep out of. De non existentibus et not apparentibus eadem est ratio, as Noy puts it in his maxims,a work which I dare say you never read. By the bye, it would be just as well if you would read a little international law. You see the Chinese are a temarkable people. The system competitive examinations secures great admin-Istrative ability. Yeh is a highly educated and very superior man, somewhat obdurate, especially when he is in the right, but quite able to chop logic, or hold a diplomatic argument with you. or, indeed, with myself. I am daily more and more sensible how lucky it is for England that I am in my present position. As one of the few men of letters who have attained eminent success and high official position in the British service, I am fitted, perhaps, better than most of my diplomatic brethren, to cope with the literary ability of Chinese officialism.

"But really, if you get us into many rows of this kind, I cannot answer for bringing either | weather for the time of year. Fires have to be you or myself creditably out of the scrape. The relighted, and it is uncomfortable moving about plain English of it is, that we haven't a legal legal without a top coat (0 with 11 12 17) to stand upon, so I have ordered up Seymour The French Municipal Council is now and the big guns. You will see I have only agitating the question of water-works, and given Yeh forty-eight hours to make his apology | proposing that the English Municipality Join to abandon their view of a case, especially when right direction, but with a heavy debt for they stand on such really strong ground as Yeh an expensive Town Hall, which was far from does. And as to consequences, I am afraid I being a necessity, and undesirable under present must own to a little sympathy with him in his conditions, it is by no means sure that the latter TC "O" L disregard of them.

"Ever yours, John Bowring," (H.B.M. Consul to H.B.M. Plenipoteniary,)

"H.B.M. Consulate, Canton, Oct. 15. "My dear Sir Torns well on the same traces are "I feel the full force of your letter. We are take the point of the expiration of registry. THe N. C. Daily Newsen still refuses all apology, but reiterates his. ascertion of this lorcha being a Chinese and not a British vessel. Though this is quite true, he does not put it on a legal ground, and I have 123

of the residents of Shameen it was unanimously mark of esteem to Mr. Consul-General and Mrs. Alabaster as a testimony of the regard they have been held in by the community generally. The Macao Wel-sing Oplum Farm has again"its chance in the new deal of the Vicerov in regardi to this "gamble" here, for it is so direredited, like everything else this old effets official! touches, that no one of substance can be found, to take it in hand. Mr. Browne succeeds Mr. Octavius Johnson as Vice-Consul during the

five diving dresses from London, and written to the weather is clear but cold. reduce him to teason; so bring up Sibylle his Singapore principals for the same number of Yesterday H.E. Liu Kunsyll left Peking for without delay, there's a good fellow. ocited his third concession, but believes that I this place, and all the high efficials here have several other valuable banks will be found Overtures have been made by some of the chiefs on the independent rivers on the West Company: but we understand the Governor has

> A proposal has been made by Government to the Government of Netherlands India that joint action should be taken in order to put down the slave trade which still exists in Sibuco Bay,' and that the officers of both Governments should be authorized to release kidnapped persons and surrender those concerned in their abduction on proper request being made and evidence, adduced. It that his been proposed that all boats without a permit and European flag should

be disarmed by any European officer. The Memnon called at Holbow on her last down trip, and the result was not very encouraging. It is to be hoped that the experiment will be repeated, for with regular communication not. only emigration, but also a considerable trade in pigs, figs, rice, and poultry might be rapidly there, as was proposed in 1988, with a capital of

begun to make money the difficulties of getting one is built here it will also praye successful. labour coolies become less baffling. Several His Ex. Sheng and Mr. Wu Tiao-ching are attime-expired coolies have re-engaged to work the head of this. under new contracts, and the number of uninincreasing; of the latter no less than 193 arrived in Kudat and 139 in Sandakan last month in the Memnon from Hongkong, together with 80 under contract.

H.M.S. Egeria, Commander -A. M. Field, arrived at Sandakan on the 15th March and left on the 18th, to begin the survey of Daryel Only four months have been allowed by the Hydrographic Department for the completion of this important and long expected work, from the progress, already made, we have every confidence that the energetic and able Commander of the Egeria will make good use

The Government having heard of the existence of a large plateau of rich and comparatively level-ground on the north-western slopes of Kina Balu, and a few days march from one of the tobacco estates in Marudu Hay, have engaged Mr Christian to visit and report on this and other land in the vicinity. It is believed that valuable coffee land will be discovered within easy reach of one of the navigation MIAS able rivers, but in any case/the information gained will be useful for Mr. Christian is himself an experienced planter and well qualified for such

Fourteen well-to do Hakkah Christians have arrived from Hongkong at their own expense to take up land at Kabun China. A considerablearea of new land has lately; been (cleared at this Settlement, which looks very prosperous.

Pang ran Abu Bakar bas been ordered to Brunei to answer some charges of kidnapping and slave dealing brought against him by the Governor, who has, however written to withdraw the accusations provided the Pangeran at once releases all the subjects of this. Government detained in captivity in his territory and gives a substantial guarantee for future good behavior. Captain R. D. Beeston, Acting Superintendent of Immigration, returned to Sandakan on March

16th after a tour of duty, at Kudat, during which time he visited several of the estates in Maruda Bay. As a sign of the times Captain, Beeston reports that free labour, is already obtainable, up to a certain proportion in Kudat, coolies coming from Hongkong to Kudat without agreements and entering into agreements in Kudat itself. All these coolies are of a very superior stamp; and it is a matter for congratulation that the thin end of the wedge in this direction has been Ranow and Bandow estates have paid off their advance, and have made fair profits. Most of these men have re-engaged, having proved that money is to be made by good work. It is expected that a batch of "Hailohongs" (the best class of coolies) will be in Kudat shortly to seek

service on the estates. Tan Kim Siang, a successful Johorg pepper and gambier planter, arrived last month with three experienced men, and a quantity of seed selected by Mr. Ridley, of the Singapore Gardens. Tan Kim Sinng has set his men to work near Kabun China on land which he considers in every respect suitable and much superior to that which he has been accustomed to cultivate in the Malay peninsula. - Heralday to victimit?

(FROM\_OUR OWN\_CORRESPONDENT.). WINGA dist ICELLES.

We are having a few days of very chilly

in. Literary men as a class are not easily led them in the project. This is a step in the will see its way to this most desirable addition to the Settlement The Control of

We wiederstand that the Take Tag and Int. 201300 RAHTIEN'S Lighter Co. did a good business last month. clearing ever Tis, 50,000. The waterway still continues good, and stenmers come right up to the Settlement as of old, and the state of the in a hobble. It is a great comfort Veh does not channel appears to be about as formerly. COMPOSITI

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

therefore directed Elliot to seize an imperial The trouble at the Kalping Mines, I am glad factured for coating the inside of STEEL SHIPS. lunk, orn worth, and the Clare of the Clare to the Company, is ended. All the members of the foreign and the company of the co Yours faithfully, H. S. PARKES, " staff who left the mines on Friday lest and filed and It is satisfactory to learn that at a full meeting their complaint at H.H.M.'s Consulate, and well asked for the publishment of the ring-leaders: resolved to tender, an address and some alight, and beat him, and had he not reached the training that was leaving they would have no doubt to NAMERICAN PRIME SUGAR-CURED killed him), returned this morning to Kaiping Li Hung-chang at once dispatched a welynan, with Mr. Byron Brennan, H.B.M.'s Consul, and CHR. MOTZ & Co., BORDEAUX CLARETS the ringleaders were there and then punished. Of late, the Cantonese employes at the mines have been very insulting to the foreign staff placed over them, and trouble had been brewing. a long time. A deal of the blame may be placed to the account of the Directors and Managers of well-carned leave of absence to England. The Kaiping Mieling Company, for when the BRITISH NORTH BORNEO notice the Chinese tried to settle it by mobbling Mr. Burns. All the females remained at the place Chas cont to v! Sandaran, April 1str to while the men were absent lodging a complaint We hear that the water in the Kinabatangan lut Tientsin, but during the absence of their have selsed some men aboard a lorcha flying river is very low; lower than; it has been known, busbands the ladies were kindly treated. This English colours. I have written to desire Yeh since the estates there were first popened up no doubt due to the prompt action taken to To digress for a moment to refer to an anecdote to send them back. I haven't got his answer, Burning and hoeing is proceeding at a good rate. Li Hong-chung, who we keep the troops from

Rong Ato meet him to-day, among them Sheng Hsuan-huai, of Chefoo. AHISIBE Shong has arrived here from Chimani Coast for the transfer of their territories to the ful and is eaving at the C.M.S.N.Co.'s premises, awaiting the arrival from Shanghai of Mr. Kicdeclined to negotiate until her has satisfied lichard, who is expected in the Haeling.

himself that the native population is willing to Mr. John Macgregor and Mr. Wade Gardner parriaged kard yesterday in the Steashing The new manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is expected here with the Bank's agent for this port. Mr. A. W. Mailland. The present acting agent, Mr. H. Hewat, goes to Ceylon, and the acting agent, Mr. F. F. Raper, in Peking, leaves for home. The Deutsch Asiatische Bank are building

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dentured Chinese immigrants is also gradually Sheng left this mo ning by train for Tougkoo, where he will go on board the Haean and return to Chefoo, will meet Mr. Ma Kie-tchong at Tongkoo, g Ma arrived at Taku Bar in the Hacting, and left in a steam-l unch for Tongkoo, The hisch between Liu Kun-yi, the Viceroy of Liang Kiang, and Shen Taotai, has been satisactorily settled, and this occurrence made Shen

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## Commercial.

THE WEEK'S SHARE BUSINESS.

Hongkong, May 2nd. Share business during the week has been of the most insignificant character, and up to date there are no indications of any improvement. Bank shares continue weak at annexed rates, sellers ruling the market, Docks are, the firmest stock in the entirelist; a few shares have changed hands for cash at 100 per cent, premium, but the supply proved unequal to the demand and offers to buy at that price are not responded to. Steamboats are unsteady, with sellers at 33, the determined opposition now on the Canton river having entirely taken the backbone out of this once popular stock, and it is greatly to be feared that very much worse times are vet in store for confiding shareholders. Indo-China Co.'s steamers are reported to have been doing remunerative business lately, but in spite of this the shares continue to be freely offered, at 30 per \-centi discount. Popular rumour, which sometimes lies but very often not far from the truth, is to the effect thatthe major portion of the Indo-China Co.'s profits is "chow-chowed" by running expenses, a very considerable item, being com rissions, etc., charged by the influential General Managers. Doubless there are other concerns in the colony of which the same tale could be truly told, but as this is a company in which so many people are interested both here and at home, a careful and impartial investigation of the published reports, and accounts, would doubtless be read, with interest. We shall tackle the job one of these days, pro bono publico. Douglas Steams are rather out of favor at 47. but whether this is owing to the new Chinese opposition, to slackness of the Coast carrying trade, or to the dormant condition of the Share Market we are unable to say. Both China Sugars and Luzons are weak at their respective

quotations, although inquiries have been

frequent during the week .-- A. S. Watson

& Co.'s scrip; remains steady at from 21 to

211 but of late very few transfers have

been wreported, at Hongkong Ropes are

strong at 124, and there are offers to buy

Panjoms at 21. There are more unlikely

things than this latter stock attracting a

good deal of public attention before long,

and even another sensational d' boom this

well within the bounds of possibility, For

the first time within the Company's history the Directors appear to have secured the services of a thoroughly reliable and practical mining expert as manager, a man who knows his business and is not an animated gas-bag, so that if the Punjom concession is really worth working, the shareholders will very soon know it. Since Mr. Becher's deposition from the supreme control, prospects are stated to have improved wonderfully, and not merely on paper. Raubs are still wanted at 80 cents., but few if any shares are available. The other day ten thousand Raubs were advertised to be auctioned at Singapore, but as they were withdrawn on the day of sale it is quite likely it was only a "bear" dodge to depreciate the stock. Fenwick & Co.'s shares are quoted at \$15. at which rates they are a gift to anybody who has money to invest; the Company has been fully employed for some time past on remunerative work and prospects are in every way satisfactory. In Borneo Planting scrips nothing has been done, and other quotations are mostly of a purely nominal character.

LATEST QUOTATIONS. Hongkong and Shanghal Bank, ex New Issue 194 per cent, premium, sellers, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, cum New Issue. -225 per cent. premium, sellers. Hongkong and Shanghai Hank, New Issue. -

\$192 per cent. premium, sellers. Union Insurance Society of Canton -\$95 per share, huyers. China Traders' Insurance. Company-\$63 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance Tis. 275 per share, Canton Insurance Company, Limited-\$115, per share, sellers. Vangtare Insurance Association-Tis. 70 per

share, nominal. On Tai Insurance Company, Limited-Tis. 150 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company-\$315 per share, sellers, " China Fire Insurance Company—\$82) per share;

Hongkong and Whampoz Dock Company -- 198 per cent, premium, bayers. Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.-\$33 per share, sellera.

Thina and Manila Steam Ship Company-120 per share, seilers. Hongkong Gas Company-\$131 per share Hongkong Hotel Company--\$120 per share, Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per-cent. Debentures

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited -30 per cent, discount, sellers. Douglas Steamship Company-\$47 per share, Thing Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$198

per-share, sellers. Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited \$92 per abare, sellers. Hongkong Ice Company-\$90 per share, buyers, Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited -\$75 per share.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited-\$7 per share sellers. S. Watson & Co., Limited-\$21 per share; Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B-21 per cent. premium, sellers. Thinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C-5 per cent.

premium, buyers. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E-14 per cent. premium. Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company. Limited-\$124 per share, buyers. The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited-

\$25 per stare, nominal? Punjom and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Co. -\$2 per share, sellers. The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited-So cents per share, buyers. Imuris Mining Co., Limited-\$12 per share,

The Balmoral Gold' Mining Co., Limited 37 per share, sellers." Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company-\$70 per share, buyers. Tonquin Cost Mining Co. \$430 per share,

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited-\$65 ner share, huvers. The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited-Sro per share! sellers. H. G. Brown & Co., Limited \$48 per suste;

The Songel Koyah Planting Co., Limited-\$131 per share, buyers. Cruickshank & Co., Limited \$35 per share, The Steam Launch Co., Limited -nominal. The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company.

Limited - Svg ner share, sellers The China-Borneo Co., Limited-\$16 per share, The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limiter -\$12 per share, sellers. The Green Island Cement Co. \$17, per share

The Hongkong Land Investment Co. Limited-\$87 per share, sellers, ile The Hongkong Electric Light, Co., Limited -26 per share, buyers. Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited \$15 per share, The West Point Buildings Co. Limited \$30 per share, sellers,

The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited \$30 per share, sellers. The Labuk Planting Co., Limited-\$25 per The Lamag Planting Co., Limited -\$7 per share The felebu Wining and Trading Co.! Limited-

The Selams Tin Mining Co., Limited-Sr per share, sellers, The Shameen Hotel Co., Limited mominal. The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited-Sig per share, buyers."1 395010 The Bank of China & Japan & the Straits Li ErR per share, sellers,

\$2 per share bayers is it is a last which

The Pank of China & Japan & the Straits Ld. Founders' shares, £180 per share, sellers, The Hongkong Marina; Limited -nominal. London and Pacific Petroleum Co. Limited-£35, sellers, 67, 10000 201 100, 721 The National Bank of China, Ld., -271 per cent. dia. sellers. ( ) were at the well-with

The National Bank of Chine, LA. Founders'

shares 3400 per share, sellers (612) EXCHANGE. Bank Bills/ at 4 months sight 34/28. 

Documentary Bills, at 4 months, i.i. Bank Bills, on demand labour .................. 

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG

STEAMERS. LWINE, German steamer, 400, Petersen, and May,-Pakhol, vir Hollow and May, General .-- Wieler & Co. RRATOON APCAR, British steamer, 1,392, 1

G Spence, 23rd Anril,—Calcutta 8th April, Penang 14th, and Singapore 17th, Oplum and General.—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co. May, Nacasaki 31st April, Coals. Mitsu Hishi Colliery.

vocuire, British steamer, 1,055 T. Rowin, 4'h May,-Saigon, 30th April, Rice,-BELLKROPHOV, British steamer, 1,365; Wm. E. Guthrie, 5th May Singapore 20th April, General Butterfield & Swire.

BENALDER, "British steamer, 1,208, C. K. McIntosh, and May .- Saigm 28 h April. General. Gibb Livingson & Co. BENEROS, British steamer, 1.48 . J. H., Clark, 20th April,—Saigon 25th April, General.— Gibb, Livingston & Co.

CANTON, British steamer, 1,1 to, T. H. Sellar, 5th May,—Shanghai 1st May, General.— HEANG HYE TENG, British steamer, 925, M. G. Scott, 5th May, Salgon st May, Rice,-

Bun Hin Chan. CHINGTU, British steamer, 1,450, A. Hunt, 3rd May, -- Kohe 28th Anril, General, -- Butterfield & Swire. 40 DECIMA, German steamer, 965, C. Christensen, 14th May, Saigon 29th April, Rice,—

"Geo. R. Stevens & Co. DIEMNAH. French steamer, 1,064, Bonnefoy, Sth May, Shanghai and May, Mai's and General - Message ies Maritimes. EDENDALE, British steamer, 1,566, R. Humphrey,

14th May,-Saigon 30th April, Rice and General. Mitsul Bussan Kaisha, FARE British isteamer. 117, Lieut. Wm. G. Comley, R.N.R. Hongtong Government

FIDELIO, German steamer, 853, H. Brorsen, 4th

May, Whampoa 4th May, General, Melchers & Co. GENERAL WERDER, German steamer, 2,020, M Eichel, "5th" May, Yokohama 26th April, Mails and General .- Melchers & Co. HAPPHONG, French steamer, 845, Bousquet, 5th.

May, Halphong and May, General .-

Messageries Maritimes. JOHANN, German steamer, 429, H. Binge, 5th May, —Quinhon 30th April, and Touron 2nd May, General —Wieler & Co. KAIFONG British steamer, 1997, Bahendale. 5th May, Swatow 3rd May, Ballast,-Butterfield & Swire.

MEMNON, British steamer, 825, A. Dorff, 4th May, Celebes, via Sandakan 29th April, General. Butterfield & Swire. MONOKUT. British steamer, 859, G. Anderson, and May,-Bangkok asth April, and Kohsi-chang 26th, Rice and Wood.-Yuen Fat

NAMKIANG, British steamer, 1.000, Woolridge, 3rd May,-Saigon 28th April, General.-Chinese. OCEANIC, British steamer, 3,808, W. M. Smith, 27th April, -San Francisco and April, and

Yokobama 'aznd,' Mails and General .-O. & O. S. S. Co. ARTHIA. British steamer, 2,035, John Panton, R.N.R. isth April,—Saigon 11th April, General.—Adamson, Hell & Co. PHRA! NANG British steamer, 1,021, W. H

Watton, and May, -Bangkok 24th April, and Koh-si-chang 25th, Rice.-Yuen Fat PROT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani,-Hongkone and Whampos Dock Co PROPONTIS. British steamer, 1,387. W. H.

Farrand, 5th May. -Ssigon 1st May, Rice. -Order i s RIVERSDALE, British steamer, 1,311, James. Mooney, 4th May,—Salgon 20th April, Rice and Paddy,—Wo Kee & Co. SIN NANZING, British steamer, 719, Jas. Peters,

4th May, Marile set May, General,--Jardine, Matheson & Co. SINGAPORE, British steamer, 748. G. W. Hunter. 4th May, Saigon 3oth April, Rice, Kim Sengr& Cont.Will

SURYIWONGSE: German steamer, 513, F. R. Vil. and May, Salgon soth April, Rice. Wieler & Cd. Westark TETARTOS, Germansteamer, 1, 97, W Breitung 20d May, Samarang, Java, 22nd April. Sugar.-Jardine, Matheson & Co. TRIUMPIL, German steamer; 674, J. Bruhn, 4th

May, Pakhoi 1st May, and Holhow 2nd, General-Ed. Schellhass & Co. TELLUS, Norwegian str., 1,047, F. Amundsen, 3rd May, -Kutchinotzu 28th April, Coals, -Mitsui Bussan Kalsha: Windsastd. Britishasteamari 1,517. A. de Su Croix, 3rd May, Calcutta 17th April.

-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ZANTRO, British steamer, 675, A. W. R. Cobban. 4th May - Manila rst May, General. -Russell & Co. SASTING VERSELA. ADOLPH OBRIG, American back, 1,376. F. Carle-

Penang 24th, and Singapore 27th, General.

ton, 5th March,—New York 31st August, Kerosene Oll,—Reuter, Brockelman & Co. AUSTRIA, British hark, 1, 105. Geo. N. Dakin. 30th April - New York 1 1th Nov., Kerosene Oil.-Order Conumbus, German ship, 1,428, L. Hacsloop, 21st April,—Singapore 20th March, Timber,
Welchers & Co.

Dos Justo, American back, 708, B. Nellson, zist April,-Singapore 28th Feb., Timber, Captain. DOROTHEA, German bark, 620, H. F. Moeller, 2cth March. Hamburg 20th Oct., General, -Siemisen & Co.

DOLOTHY, British Birk, 310, Augus Croal, 21st April.—Pitago and April, Timber,—Gibb, Livingsion & Co Entropy Chinese bare, 457. Opium Examination Hulk, Stonecutters' Island.—Chinese, Cuitonis. HEDERICH, German barte, 923, F. H. Bannau, 22nd Feb., Hamburg 20th Sept., General,

Typiki, Danish Wirk, 786, C. Christonson, 26th April,-Hamburg 5th December, General.-Carlowite & Co. (hanny thought of Japan, Peruvian beek, 198, Mr. Janila, 17th Nov.,—Callao (Peru) 30th August, General. —Gonsaives & Co

-Carlowitz & Co.

MARIE BERG, German bark, 536, L. Hindrichs, 29th April, "Singspore 26th Merch, Timber, -Wieler & Con the MCLAUREN, American ship, 1,313, F. L. Oakes, 28th April New York 30th November Petroleum-Order ORTENT, German, bark, 461, H. R. Gontard, 6th

Autil, Singapore to h Feb., Timber, SANA MERSEDES, Peruylan schooner, 245, A. Munistgin, 4th July,-Salgon 27th June, Rica,-Captaln, ST. JAMES, American ship 1,487, W. D. Burn.

ham, 28th April.-Shanghal 21st April. Ballast. - Russell & Co Verring, Norwegian bark, 302, O. P. Larson, 22nd April - Kel Island 17th March, Tim-Ber. Siemssen & Co. WM. LE, LACHEUR, British bark, 573, W. Reynell,

7th March, Honolulu 21st January, Iron, Copper, &c -- Gibb, Livingston & Co Printed and Published by ROHERT FRASER

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